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The Town of Meredith New Hampshire

2016

Annual Report

For the Fiscal Year Ended December, 31 2016

Municipal Directory

Fire - Business

Located at: 286 Daniel Webster Highway

Mailing Address: PO Box 494

Meredith, NH 03253

Ken Jones, Fire Chief...

kjones@meredithnh.org

Phone #279-6061

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F

Meredith Public Library

Located at: 91 Main Street

Mailing Address: PO Box 808

Meredith, NH 03253

Erin Apostolos, Director...

erin@meredithlibrary.org

Phone #279-4303

Hours 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Tu, W & Th

9:00 am - 5:00 pm F, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Sat

Closed Monday & Sunday

Parks & Recreation

Located at: Community Center

One Circle Drive

Mailing Address: One Circle Drive

Meredith, NH 03253

Vint Choiniere, Director...

vchoiniere@meredithnh.org

Phone #279-8197

Hours 8:00 am - 8:00 pm M - F

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Sat, Closed Sunday

Police - Business

Located at: 400 Daniel Webster Highway

Mailing Address: PO Box 1366

Meredith, NH 03253

Kevin Morrow, Police Chief...

kmorrow@meredithnh.org

Phone #279-4561

Hours 8:00 am - 12:00 am daily

Public Works - Business

Located at: 347 Daniel Webster Highway

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Mike Faller, Public Works Director...

mfaller@meredithnh.org

Phone #279-6352

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F

Includes...

~Buildings & Grounds

~Cemetery

~Highway ~Solid Waste

Solid Waste Facility

Located at: 17 Jenness Hill Road

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Phone #279-8480

Hours 8:00 am - 3:00 pm daily

Closed Wednesdays and Holidays

Town Hall

Located at: 41 Main Street

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Phone #279-4538

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F

Includes...

~Administrative Services

Brenda Vittner, Director...

blvittner@meredithnh.org

Phone #677-4208

~Assessing

Jim Commerford, Assessor...

jcommerford@meredithnh.org

Phone #677-4226

~Town Clerk

Kerri Parker, Town Clerk...

kparker@meredithnh.org

Phone #677-4203

~Town Manager

Phil Warren, Town Manager...

pwarren@meredithnh.org

Phone #677-4205

Town Hall Annex

Located at: 5 Highland Street

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Phone #677-4215 Fax #556-8823

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F

Includes...

~Community Development

John Edgar, Director...

jedgar@meredithnh.org

~Conservation Commission

conservation@meredithnh.org

Water & Sewer

Located at: 50 Waukegan Street

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Courtney Mitchell, Superintendent

cmitchell@meredithnh.org

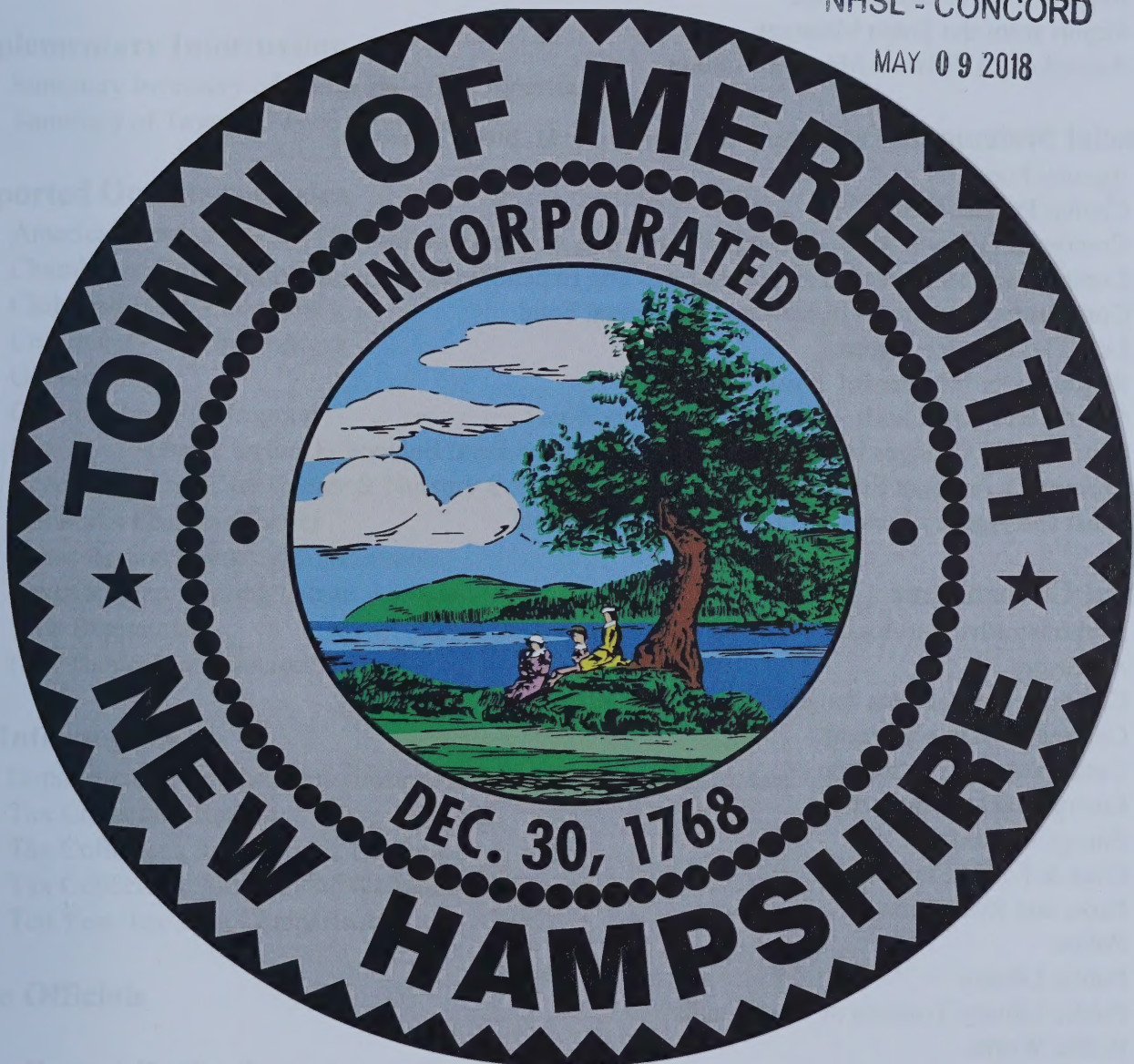
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What is this Town Report all about?

This Annual Town Report contains...

Information gathered from Town Departments, Supported Outside Agencies and gives results of the 2016 Town Meeting. You can view the Vital Statistics, Town Financial Statements, Tax Rate, Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison and a Summary of Town Owned Property. Following in the yellow section is our current Budget and Warrant Articles.

Town Elections (Please Vote)

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Location: Community Center
1 Circle Drive
Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Location: Inter-Lakes High School
1 Laker Lane
Time: 7pm

Recognition

The Town Manager, Selectman Board, Department Heads and Outside Agencies are responsible for the written reports.

The Financial Statements are prepared by:

Brenda L. Vittner, Administrative Services Director
Carrie Sawyer, Town Accountant
Vikki Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

The layout, graphs and preparation of the Annual Report are completed by:

Linda Labraney, Finance Officer

Thank you to all who contributed to this report.

Monthly Meetings of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

Select Board

Community Center Workshop / Meeting 4:30pm, 1st and 3rd Monday

Conservation Commission

Community Center, 7:00pm, 1st (public) and 3rd (workshop) Thursday

Library Trustees

Meredith Public Library, 6:00pm, 2nd Tuesday

Planning Board

Community Center, 7:00pm, 4th Tuesday

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Community Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Thursday

Contact Information on the Area Resources

Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program 279-4096
Emergency Management Director.....279-4561
Lakes Region General Hospital 524-3211
Meredith Public Health Nursing 279-6611
Hanover Poison Information Center 1-800-562-8236

Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds.....527-5420
Belknap County Superior Court.....524-3570
Laconia District Court 524-4128
New Hampshire Legal Assistance.....1-800-639-5290

County and State Police

Belknap County Sheriff Department.....527-5454
State Police - Tamworth.....323-3333
State Police - Concord.....1-800-525-5555

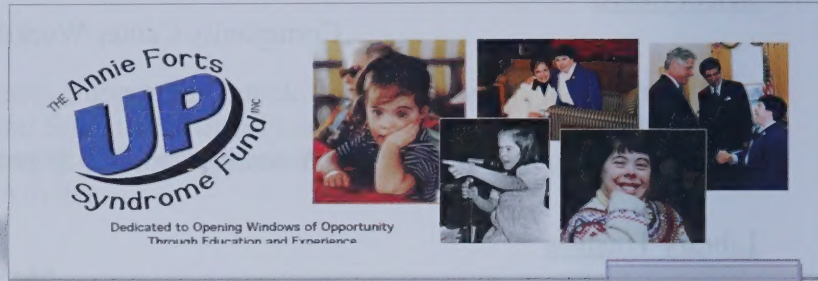
Permits to Kindle Fires

Central Fire Station 279-6061
Town Hall 279-4538
Y-Landing Marina 279-5050
Also online at WWW.NHDFL.ORG

Dedication - Annie Forts

This year's Town Report is Dedicated to: Annie Forts

Annie came into this world with a mission to spread joy and friendship to all she encountered. Annie's boundless energy, poise and determination helped break down the stigmas attached to those with physical and mental disabilities. A graduate of Moultonborough Academy, Annie was a motivational speaker and self-advocate who traveled the country spreading her positive message of living on the "UP" side of Down Syndrome. Annie believed passionately in the importance of recognizing and celebrating each individual's abilities and differences, and she shared this message with audiences large and small around the country.



Annie Forts
3/10/67 - 5/26/16

In addition to spending her time as a motivational speaker, Annie believed strongly in volunteerism and hard work. She was an active member and greeter at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Meredith, a 20+ year member of and proud "tail twister" for the Moultonborough Lion's Club, a volunteer at Moultonborough Academy, Inter-Lakes School District and Golden View nursing home. Annie found great joy playing (and winning) Bingo and mini-golf, singing Karaoke, chatting on the phone and just enjoying time with her many, many family members and friends.

Among Annie's numerous awards and accomplishments, she was the first recipient of the International Self-Empowerment Award given by the Kennedy Foundation at the United Nations, she was appointed by former President Bill Clinton and served 3 terms on the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, and she received the Boston Celtics Heroes Among Us Award.

In 1997 Annie started the "Annie Forts UP Syndrome Fund" with the support of the Moultonborough Lion's Club. Dedicated to opening windows of opportunity through education and experience, to date Annie's fund has raised over \$325,000 towards her goal of \$1M, and more importantly, the fund has helped provide enrichment opportunities to persons with Down Syndrome and to help support individuals interested in pursuing a career in Special Education.

In 1997, as part of a community-wide celebration to honor member Annie Forts, the Moultonboro Lions Club decided to help Ann realize her dream to start a new fund to assist and encourage young people with Down Syndrome. The fund was incorporated in NH as The Annie Forts "UP" Syndrome Fund, Inc. and approved by IRS as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable fund. \$50,000 was raised at the celebration. Over \$300,000 has been received in donations to date towards Ann's ultimate goal of \$1,000,000. Only interest earned is used to provide enrichment opportunities to persons with Down Syndrome and to help support individuals interested in pursuing a career in Special Education. Since the fund was started in 1997, the awards committee for Annie's Fund has issued financial awards totaling \$115,000. February 27, 2002, Washington, DC- Annie was awarded the Paul G. Hearne Leadership Award from the American Association of People with Disabilities. Annie was one of seven recipients chosen from over 400 nominees.



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Dedicated Service - Roger Sorell

~ RESOLUTION ~
of the
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Meredith, NH

Whereas, Roger F. Sorell, a New Hampshire native, has resided in Meredith since 1952; and

Whereas, Roger F. Sorell is a graduate of Inter-Lakes High School, Class of 1964; and

Whereas, Roger F. Sorell, a decorated veteran, served two tours in Vietnam, first with the U.S. Air Force and then with the U.S. Army Special Forces; and

Whereas, Roger F. Sorell married Niki M. Clow on February 22, 1969, with whom he celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this year; and

Whereas, Roger F. Sorell has owned and operated Roger's Repair, a successful local business, since 1970; and

Whereas, Roger F. Sorell continued his public service when he volunteered to serve on the Meredith Planning Board in 1984; and

Whereas, Roger Sorell recently retired from the Planning Board completing 32 years of continuous service including positions of Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Board; and

Whereas, Roger F. Sorell's tenure on the Planning Board has been characterized by his peers as being thoughtful, fair, steady, and respectful.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Meredith Board of Selectmen that the Town of Meredith hereby recognizes and thanks Roger F. Sorell for his distinguished and unselfish contributions to his family, friends, neighbors, community, and country. Given our hand and seal this 15th day of August, 2016.

By: MEREDITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Pictured below...Roger and the Planning Board Chairman that he served with over the course of his 32 years of service on the Planning Board.

L to R = Jim Miller, Bob Flanders, Roger, Butch Keniston, Bill Bayard, Herb Vadney



Pictured above...Roger and his family after the presentation of the BOS.

Dedicated Service

Together over 30 Years of Dedicated Service!



Gail Brace and Al Bolduc

Gail Brace - Gail worked for the Town of Meredith Municipal Office and for our Public Works Department for **over 16 years**. Gail was a very dedicated employee collecting tax payments, answering phones, sorting mail, issuing Solid Waste Decals, and always willing to help customers and coworkers.

Gail had an infectious laugh and always loved to share stories of her grandchildren.

A couple of Gail's favorite things to do are camping and gardening with her husband and family. Enjoy your well deserved retirement Gail!

Allan J. Bolduc - Al worked for the Town of Meredith Public Works Department for **over 15 years** as a dedicated employee driving a plow truck. During his tenure at Public Works he moved up as Assistant Public Works Director and was always on call at a moments notice to serve our community by keeping our roads safe to travel.

Al loved his family dearly, especially his grandchildren who were his whole life. Al greatly enjoyed playing golf, poker, and placed 11th on the Pro Candlepin Bowling Tour.

Al lost his battle to lung cancer in December 2016. His smile, humor and dedicated service to the Town will be greatly missed.

In Special Memoriam

Robert (Bob) LeCount - Citizen volunteers are vital to the Town of Meredith and Bob LeCount was an outstanding example.

Bob was a longtime member and officer for the Meredith Conservation Commission serving many years as its Secretary and chaired committees instrumental in protecting wetlands and the conservation of many parcels of land for all citizens to enjoy forever. He was also a long time member and contributor to the Rotary Club both while living in Meredith since 1993, as well as, during his working years elsewhere when he was vice president of a manufacturing company. His other retirement activities included volunteering with the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, serving two terms on the Board of Genesis Healthcare, and working as a census taker.

He was one great guy we all should strive to emulate.



Robert (Bob) LeCount



Beate Hamlin

Beate Hamlin was born and grew up in Berlin, Germany during the time of tyranny and oppression. She was known for her strength, service, and giving back to the community. She learned from an early age from her family to stand up for what was right and help others that were being persecuted. She carried this strength and commitment through her life.

She was one of the first women to graduate from Law School in Germany and served under a judge in Berlin. When her father became ill she returned to help him with his publishing and distribution business. Both Beate and Bob fell in love with Lake Wicwas in Meredith and purchased a large parcel from a local lumberman. In the 1970s they decided to donate over 300 acres that included 3200 feet of lake frontage to the Town of Meredith. This property has become known as the Hamlin-Eames Recreation and Conservation Area. The efforts of conservation that they started has grown into a park of over 1,000 acres to date with contributions from several other people interested in preserving this iconic lake with its loons, herons, and natural beauty.

We remember Beate Hamlin for her love of her family, friends, opera, travel, and the natural beauty of a small lake in New Hampshire.

In Memoriam

Dr. Jehangir (Jay) Sohrab Vazifdar, MD of Meredith - Jay was on the staff at Lakes Region General Hospital; he began the Emergency Department at LRGH with a group of colleagues in the late 1970s, providing the community with its first 24-hour Emergency Care. In 1989, Dr. Jay sold his practice, worked for a walk-in clinic for a few years, and then ended his career doing the family practice that he loved back in Meredith. He retired at age 81, often working with his beloved dog Lucky under his desk. Dr. Jay loved medicine, and considered it such an honor to help people, and he always told his family, "My patients come first."



Dr. Jay



Dr. Bob Andrews

Dr. Robert Charles Andrews, MD - Bob was on staff at Lakes Region General Hospital for several years after he and his wife Ceil moved to Meredith. He was passionate about broadening access to medical care and providing preventative services to everyone in the Community. He spent many happy hours with his friends and family hunting down big bass and hitting the links at Waukegan Golf Club.

Town Officials

Select Board

Nathan J. Torr, Chairperson, 2019

Raymond Moritz, Vice Chair, 2018

Jonathan D. James, 2019

Beverley H. Lapham, Jr., 2018

Michael J. Pelczar, 2017

Elected Officials

Stephen Nedeau, Moderator, 2018

Kerri A. Parker, CMC, CTC, CDTC,
Town Clerk, 2017

Mark Billings, Treasurer, 2017

Town Department Officials

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

Administrative Services Director

Brenda L. Vittner, MBA

Community Development Director

John C. Edgar, AICP

Town Planner

Angela LaBrecque

Code Enforcement Officer

Brian Swanker

Public Works Director

Michael Faller

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Courtney Mitchell

Assessor

James Commerford, CNHA

Parks & Recreation Director

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP

Library Director

Erin Apostolos

Police Officials

Kevin Morrow, Chief

Keith True, Lieutenant (Retired)

Fire Officials

Jay Haines, Deputy Chief

Ken Jones, Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Andre Kloetz, Deputy Chief

Emergency Management

Kevin Morrow, Director

Ken Jones, Assistant Director

Trustee of Trust Funds

Robert Davis, 2018

James Gregoire 2017

Mary Kahn, 2017

Supervisors of the Checklist

Martha Billings, 2020

Deb McNeish, Chair, 2022

Brenda L. Vittner, 2018

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Mark Billings, ILSB Rep/Vice Chair

Edward Touhey, Chair/Planning Board Rep.

Dave Thorpe

Jack Carty

Richard Gerken, Planning Board Rep.

Jeannie Forrester

Ray A. Moritz, Selectmen's Rep.

Mike Pelczar, Selectmen's Rep. (Alternate)

Town Officials

Library Trustees

Duncan McNeish, Treasurer, 2018
Miller Lovett, 2018
Paul Eldridge, 2018

Pamela Coburn, Chair, 2017

Ann Butler, Vice Chair, 2018
Jane Ramsey, 2019
Beverly Heyduk, 2019

Planning Board

Richard Gerken, Secretary, 2018
Ann Butler, 2018
Thomas Hughes, 2018
Robert Flanders, 2018

Bill Bayard, Chairman, 2016

Alternates:

Peter Brothers, 2018
Edward Touhey, Vice-Chair, 2016
Jonathan James, BOS Rep.
John Kreidler, 2018

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Robb Jutton, 2018
Warren Clark, 2016

John "Jack" Dever Jr., Chairman, 2018

Alternates: Frank Marino, 2018

Bruce Reichlen, 2019
David Thorpe, 2018

Conservation Commission

Don McFarlane, Vice-Chairman, 2017
Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer, 2018
Paula Wanzer, Secretary, 2019

Mark Billings, Chairman, 2018

Alternates:

Paul Dillon, 2018

Jim Gregoire, 2017 Scott Powell, 2019

John Sherman, 2017
Mary Kahn, 2018
Bob Davis, 2018

Tony Sabutis, 2019

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Bob Vogler
Duncan, McNeish
Tim Whiting

Donna Van Ness
Bill Corr Frank Murphy

Stan Wallerstein
John Hodsdon
Raymond Moritz, Selectmen's Rep.

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Bill Bayard, 2018

Herbert R. Vadney, 2018

Energy Committee

Malik, Haig
Chris Wald, ILSD Rep. (Alt)

Bill Bayard, Chairman
Michael Pelczar - Selectmen's Rep.

Reed Leberman
Mark Billings, ILSD Rep.

Village Pathways Committee

Sandy Sabutis
Liz Lapham
Lissa Goodby

Andrea Bourn, Chairman

Carol Gerken
Janice Roberts
Chris Schwidder

Executive Summary

Report from the Town Manager

2016 began with the budget process which entailed working with Department Heads and the Select Board to develop a budget that attempted to retain current service levels, which is a reduction in service delivery from the prior years, due to prior budgets that did not increase the total amount raised by taxation. The budget adopted by Town Meeting was proposed to increase the total amount raised by taxation by a conservative amount, and apply a reasonable amount of available fund balance.

As in past years, consistent with the goal set by the Select Board, when the final tax rate was set it did include a conservative increase in the amount raised by taxation in the prior year, allowing for an adequate fund balance to be retained and maintaining services. This goal was possible through the cooperation and assistance of both department heads and employees.



All departments continue to provide a level service that the residents should continue to be proud of – while there have been reductions in staff, programs and services, the majority of these reductions do not result in a “visible” reduction in service – town staff is working harder to provide the level of service that residents have come to expect, and should be applauded for it.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.
Town Manager

Report from the Select Board

Meredith Select Board

Revenues are flat and the costs are going up, that is the reoccurring theme that the Select Board has been facing for the past eight years. Each year we have borrowed from the fund balance to offset the amount of money to be raised by taxation. This practice can only be sustained for a few more years before the fund balance drops below the recommended levels. Therefore, without a new revenue source the amount of money raised by taxation will see a slight increase for the towns portion.

Executive Summary

Report from the Select Board continued...

Three main town projects the DPW facility, waterfront infrastructure, and Main Street renovation are in various forms of implementation. The DPW Facility Committee has spent the past year developing plans and cost analysis for buildings at various locations. The Committee has concluded that more study has to be done as to location and costs of the project. The latter two projects are still in the early planning stages. If some parts of these projects can be done with little impact they will be started in the latter part of 2017.

The Board and the Department of Transportation have agreed on a plan to adjust the traffic and pedestrian movement on Route 3/25. The current proposal will add a signaled crosswalk between Dover and Lake Street. This signal will be coordinated with the traffic lights to reduce the interruption pedestrians have on traffic flow. The sidewalks adjacent to the intersection will be redone and upgraded to comply with federal codes and standards. Finally, one of the marked northbound lanes will be removed. This will allow trucks coming from an easterly direction to make left hand southbound turns more easily. All this will not solve the pedestrian/automotive traffic problem but is an attempt to ease the flow for all concerned.

The Board granted two more requests for properties to become unmerged. This was the final year in which the State allowed properties that were involuntarily merged to be unmerged. A total of seven properties have gone through this process before the sun setting of the Statute.

Finally, the Board would like to thank everyone involved in making Meredith a wonderful place to visit, to live in seasonally or year round.

We are looking forward to the celebration of our 250th anniversary in 2018.

Thank you for your support!

Meredith Select Board

Pictured from left to right...

Nathan J. Torr, Chair, Raymond A. Moritz, Vice, Beverley H. Lapham, Jr., Jonathan D. James, Michael J. Pelczar



Executive Summary

Town Meeting 2016

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Inter-lakes Junior/High School Gymnasium

2016 Meredith Town Warrant

Town Moderator: Stephen Nedeau

Board of Selectmen

Nathan J. Torr, Chairperson
Raymond A. Moritz, Vice-Chairperson
Jonathan D. James, Selectperson
Beverly H. Lapham, Jr., Selectperson
Michael J. Pelczar, Selectperson

Town Manager
Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Moderator Stephen Nedeau with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Nedeau requested the Town Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan be allowed to speak if necessary and with a show of voter cards it was voted in the affirmative.

Moderator Nedeau then proceeded to announce the results from Tuesday's Election.

TOWN OFFICES

For Selectman
THREE YEAR TERM
Nathan Torr 318
Jonathan James 298

ONE YEAR TERM
Michael J Pelczar 330

For Supervisor of the Checklist
SIX YEAR TERM
Debra McNeish 30

For Town Moderator
TWO YEAR TWO
Stephen H Nedeau 325

For Library Trustee
THREE YEAR TERM
Jane Ramsay 305
Beverly Heyduk 298

INTERLAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

For Moderator
ONE YEAR TERM
Lee W. Quimby 319

For Member of School Board
Resident of Center Harbor
THREE YEAR TERM
Susan B. Palmer-Ansorg 278

Resident of Meredith
THREE YEAR TERM
Mark Billings 334

Resident of Sandwich
THREE YEAR TERM
Duncan Porter-Zuckerman 43

Executive Summary

2016 Deliberative Session

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Million, Seven Hundred Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$ 13,708,843) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This amount does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in subsequent warrant articles.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Motion by Nate Torr, seconded by Ray Moritz

Dave Sticht asked about the 15,000 that the Conservation Commission is asking for. Stating that in 2009 there was a bond article for 400,000 and in the discussion it was mentioned that there was another 50,000 warrant article, and there was a pledge made that no more money would be requested until the 400,000 was paid off the conservation commission would not ask for any more money. So he is questioning why there is 15,000 requested this year.

Mark Billings, chairman of the conservation commission explained that they work off of 3 separate pools of money that they operate by. The first being the operating budget which typically 15000-20000 which would go to maintenance of any trees that need to be removed, structural damage to the mill dam needing repair, and invasive species that are in town and any subcontractors as well as the cost for the members to attend conferences. Prior to that they had been requesting money through capital requests that were put into an Expendable trust which can only be appropriated by the Select board not the Conservation Commission to expend. The money that is being asked for is for operating costs.

Rusty McClear asked why we are putting the tub grinder under operating costs instead of capital costs? Nate Torr responded that it was missed under Capital Improvements and that is why.

Having no further discussion, with a show of voter cards the article passed.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be added to the DPW Equipment Replacement Fund previously established. The Select Board are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Ray Moritz, motioned to approve Article 3 as proposed, seconded by Jonathan James,

With no discussion, and a show of voter cards the article passed.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust previously established. The Select Board are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Jonathan James motioned to approve Article 4 as proposed, seconded by Bev Lapham.

With no discussion, and a show of voter cards the article passed.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the SW Trailer Replacement Fund previously established. The Select Board are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Bev Lapham motioned to approve Article 5 as proposed, seconded by Mike Pelczar.

With no discussion, and a show of voter cards the article passed.

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,500 from Fund Balance for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a new DPW facility. The feasibility study will involve many considerations including building design and locations, storm water management, utilities and the replacement of the vehicle fueling station. This article shall lapse on December 31, 2020.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Mike Pelczar motioned to approve Article 6 as proposed, seconded by Nate Torr

Pat Mack questioned what happened to the 27,500 that was appropriated last year? Phil Warren explained that they had done programming, and an analysis of the site and the equipment that exists. The committee will be looking at other sites as the Jenness Hill site is not feasible for the department.

Having no further discussion, with a show of voter cards the article passed.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish and amend licensing fees for vendors intending to engage in business during Motorcycle Week. Such fees shall not exceed an amount reasonably calculated to cover the Town's regulatory, administrative and enforcement costs. To commence in the year 2017.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Nate Torr motioned to approve Article 7 as proposed, seconded by Ray Moritz

Doug Frederick proposed an Amendment seconded by Frank Michel

We propose that the town not charge vendors who are being allowed to vend during bike week for free or propose a reduced rate. Also any monies leftover be directed to Police and Fire equipment they see fit.

With a show of voter cards the amendment was defeated.

Dave Sticht questioned if we pass this article with the fees automatically go into effect? Laura Spector-Morgan stated that this allows the selectmen to adopt the fees, they would still have to have further public meetings.

Dave Sticht moved to propose an Amendment seconded by Sarah Champagne stating

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish a licensing fee schedule for all Vendors conducting business in Meredith.

Laura Spector-Morgan stated her concerned that it is not legal as the amendment goes beyond the scope of the warranted article only speaks to Motor Cycle week. Because the amendment changes the intent.

With a show of voter cards David Sticht amendment has been defeated.

With a show of voter cards and a hand count of 98 Yes, 42 No, the Article passes.

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Blueberry Hill Road, Meredith, NH as a scenic road under the authority of RSA 231:157.

Jack Carty motioned to approve the article as proposed, seconded by Steven Ross,

Jack Carty spoke about the age of the trees and the possibility of the dangers of them falling if they are not maintained.

Francine King asked as it stands now as a scenic road the maintenance can be done as long as the Road agent requests it through.

Phil Warren explained that there is really no difference for the owners of the trees if the road is scenic or not

Mike Fallor stated that he has always been willing to put the request in for road maintenance. The reason this article came about is while taking care of some of the maintenance of the smaller trees a homeowner asked if a few certain trees would be able to be taken down and he responded that it would have to go before the planning board due to the size but that he did not see the need to have them taken down as they were not in bad shape.

Lori Sharpe spoke as a resident of the road for about 10 years, and her concern is that the trees are very large and she had a tree limb caused damage to her car very recently and it will only be a matter of time before someone is severely injured and she encourages an affirmative vote.

With a show of voter cards the Article 8 passes.

For the past 25 years, Lucienne "Cookie" Boulanger has served the Town of Meredith as supervisor of the checklist and this has been her final Town Meeting in this capacity. She was presented a Plaque, flowers and a gift.

Cookie thanked the Town of Meredith residents and stated that she will now be volunteering at the polls so we have not seen the last of her.

Thank you so much Cookie for all your years of Service

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully Submitted

Kerri A Parker
Town Clerk

Administrative Services

Brenda L. Vittner, MBA, Director

Administrative Services provides the following services:

Administrative:

- Reception
- General Assistance
- Purchasing Functions; RFP's, Bids, Purchase Orders
- Capital Asset Inventory and Maintenance
- General Inventory Maintenance
- Annual Budget Preparation; Town Warrant and Documents

Finance:

- Tax Collection and Billing
- Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable
- Utility Billing and Account Maintenance
- General Ledger Maintenance
- Compilation of Town Report Financials
- Production of Annual Town Report

Technical Functions:

- Network Administration/Help Desk
- Communication Systems Maintenance
- Website Management

Finance

Vikki Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector
Linda Labraney, ABA, Finance Officer
Eric Ferland, MCSE, Information Technology
Carrie Sawyer, CPP, Disbursement Accountant

Administrative Services is the support department to all other Town departments. The Administrative Services Department staff provides the accounting, purchasing, payroll, accounts receivable invoicing, fixed asset management and cash management services for the town. In addition, the General Assistance department is also a function of Administrative Services.

The goal of Administrative Services is to provide timely and reliable information by which department heads, the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen can make informed decisions in the best interest of the Town.

The Administrative Services team provides a skilled and cohesive team dedicated to providing quality customer service and a work product to meet statutory deadlines. Public service has many challenges, employees are constantly asked to take on additional work and projects to maintain the expected level of service and each person has done so without hesitation. This group considers quality customer service as one of the most important aspects of the daily work environment. The Administrative Services department is responsible for the sound financial management and integrity of the finance system in administration, budget development and monitoring of the operating budget and revenues. The department's core strengths are respect, consideration and understanding of all taxpayers, employees and visitors to the Town of Meredith.

For the past several years, this department has had to manage increased responsibilities while managing with limited resources. The Administrative Services staff consistently performs at a high level and manages all expectations professionally and with compassion. There is an open door policy for the department; which allows all stakeholders access to information and services.

General Government

Assessing

James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor
Kim Brown, Assessing Office Manager
Bettina Ford, Field Data Collector

Department's Mission

The primary mission of the Assessing Department is to ensure that all property within the town is assessed fairly and in accordance with the New Hampshire laws governing taxation. Toward that end, the department conducts various practices to ensure the equitable distribution of the tax burden.

The Town's total valuation increased 74% in 2016 from \$1,758,060,047 to \$1,771,154,645. The increase was due to building permit activity and data changes from our re-inspection cycle. The last town-wide market update was in 2013. **We are planning on updating all assessments for April 1, 2017.** This will be completed by mid-summer with notices going out in early August.

We have completed another year in our re-inspection cycle. I would like to thank all taxpayers for their cooperation in this endeavor. For 2017, we will be measuring and listing properties in the Chemung area of Town. The objective of the program is to ensure data accuracy in our assessments and eliminating the need for a costly revaluation every five years. It also meets the requirements from the NH Department of Revenue Administration. If anyone has any questions regarding the cyclical program please call our office at 677-4213.

I want to remind all resident taxpayers that there are tax exemptions and credits available. Exemptions include elderly, disabled and blind. There are requirements that must be met to qualify. Tax credits are available for certain veterans. Check with our office to see if you may qualify.

The Assessing Office is here to assist the property owners of Meredith. We welcome your questions and are here to help citizens through the assessing process. Please visit the Assessing Department Link on the Town's website www.meredithnh.org for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, and a link to the online assessment database.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford, CNHA
Tax Assessor

Community Development

John C. Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director, jedgar@meredithnh.org

Brian Swanker, Code Enforcement Officer, bswanker@meredithnh.org

Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner, alabrecque@meredithnh.org

Chris Tivnan, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Maltais, Office Clerk

Highlights of 2016 include the following:

Development Activity

- Renovation and occupancy for a tavern at 7 Main Street
- Renovations and occupancy for 3 commercial units plus 4 apartments at 23 Main Street
- Renovation and occupancy for 5 health and wellness businesses at 48 Main Street
- Site Plan approval for actor housing located at 50 Reservoir Road
- Site Plan approval for 8 professional offices located at 28 Lang street
- Site Pan approval, renovation and occupancy for retail and warehouse space located at 339 DW Highway
- Site plan approval and construction of a dental facility located at 173 NH Route 104 and Winona Road
- Twenty-two new single family homes located throughout the community

Planning Activity

Throughout 2016 we have been working with the Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen and the Trust for Public lands to acquire 200 acres adjacent to the Page Pond and Forest tract acquired 6 years ago. In 2017 we anticipate Town meeting will be presented with a detailed proposal seeking authorization to acquire the property. Success of the project will depend heavily on an aggressive grant effort and private capital fundraising campaign.

The Lake Winnepesaukee Association completed the Lake Waukegan and Lake Winona Restoration Plan. Lake Waukegan is the water supply for the town. This plan is part of a long-term strategy to address current impairments in both lakes by focusing on ways to reduce sediment and nutrient loading inputs to the waterbodies. The plan builds upon the previous Waukegan Management Plan completed in 2005 by quantifying nutrient loading by land use and source, sets local goals or thresholds for in-lake phosphorus levels, and presents an action plan to restore the impaired waterbodies to their designated uses.

We are participating with the Winnisquam Watershed Network (WWN) and the Lakes Region Planning Commission to create a long term management strategy for the Lake Winnisquam Watershed. The newly formed Winnisquam Watershed Network is a collaborative effort with the New Hampshire Lakes Association and homeowner associations around the lake to increase communication and information sharing.

In 2016 the Village Pathways Committee completed the design and environmental permitting for the Hawkins Brook Nature Trail. In 2017 the Committee anticipates launching a fund-raising campaign including grant writing to fund construction costs estimated at \$450,000.

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager created the Economic Development-Sustainability Committee to help in an effort to gain a better understanding of the needs and concerns of local businesses. The Committee is currently distributing a survey with the hope that the results will help inform and guide future discussion and direction towards improvement of the economic vitality of the community.

Community Development continued...

Capital Improvements.

The Planning Board adopted the recommendations of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee. The CIP Advisory Committee functions as a sub-committee of the Planning Board which reviews, updates and recommends a program of capital improvements for the following budget year and beyond.

As part of the 2016 CIP update cycle, the Board of Library Trustees advised that they have decided to relocate the library from its current Main Street location and continue to study a potential new site on US Route 3 South at the roundabout. Many in the community have urged reconsideration of this position. As decisions with respect to library location and future library-related capital investments are policy related, the question naturally arises; Are there local planning considerations that would help provide context to an informed decision making process? The 2002 Community Plan, recognized that library capacity and parking issues need examination and in more recent years, significant safety and accessibility issues have come to light. However it equally important to note that our plan places strong emphasis on the importance of the village center and recommends: “When public centers such as the town hall or post office are under consideration for relocation, identify the benefits of such facilities remaining in the village core. Such benefits may include maintaining the traditional character of the village, encouraging a mix of activities within walking distance of each other, and helping to promote an active and viable downtown environment.” “Promote public, civic and institutional uses within the existing town center. When considering new or relocated facilities, factor in the true costs associated with alternative locations.

In November the CIP Advisory Committee was advised that, the estimated cost for a new DPW facility is approximately \$19 mil. based on an initial building program. In 2017, the DPW Facility Committee will continue to work on scope (building program) to bring costs down and to evaluate alternative locations. The DPW Facility Committee will work to develop a proposal that will include design, bid and construction. It is important that the community stay engaged with both of these important projects so we get the best possible outcomes all things considered.

Other

The Planning Board updated and approved its Rules of Procedure. Rules of Procedure address internal business of the Planning Board including duties and election of officers, conduct of meetings, quorum, order of agenda, meeting records, designation of alternates, etc. These procedures help maintain procedural consistency as well as informing the public.

The Planning Board developed five proposals to amend the zoning ordinance. These proposals, largely clarification in nature, will be presented to the voters as ballot questions in March, 2017.

In November, Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner passed the AICP Certification exam. Certified planners have verified their academic and professional achievements and passed a rigorous, comprehensive examination of their abilities and pledge to uphold high standards of practice, ethics, and professional conduct. Congratulations!

In August, the Board of Selectmen recognized Roger Sorell for his 32 years of continuous, volunteer service on the Planning Board. Thank you Roger!

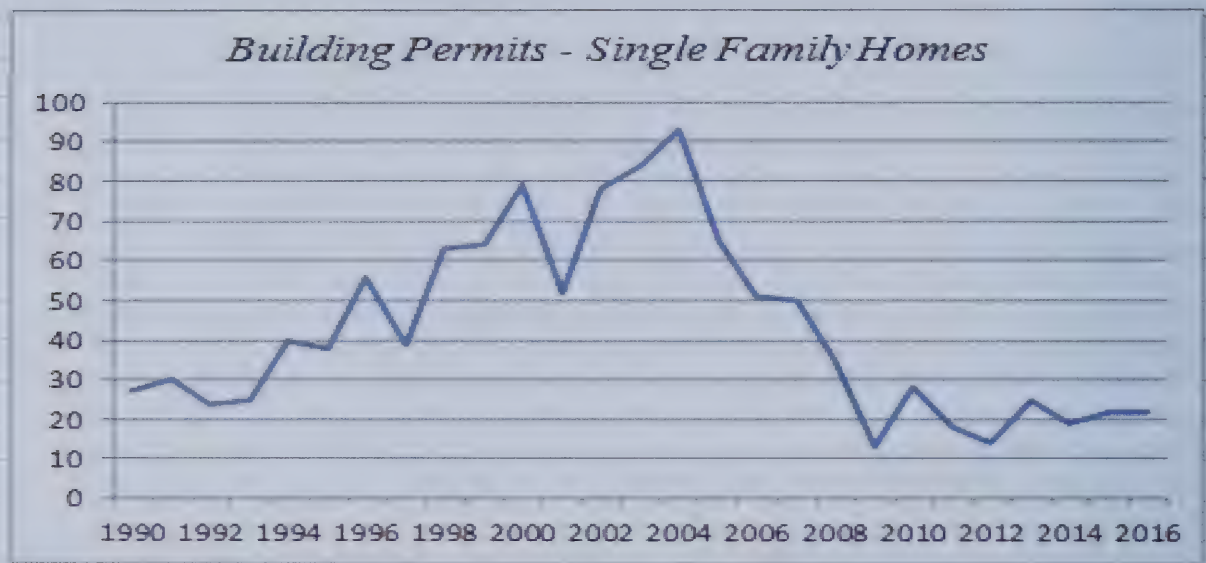
Respectfully Submitted,
John C. Edgar, AICP
Community Development Director

General Government

Community Development continued...

Building Permit Summary 2016

New Single-Family Homes	22	Garages/Storage Buildings	38
New Two-Family Homes	0	Oil (burners, tanks)	7
New Multi-Family Units	1	Gas (burners, piping, tanks)	178
New Commercial Buildings	1	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	16
Special Use Permits	19	Residential Renovations/Repairs	65
Mobile Homes Replacements	1	Fences/Signs	27
Plumbing	167	Electrical/Plumbing	167
Demolition	4	Docks/Boathouses/Pool	27



Planning Board Application Summary 2016

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	13	Pre-application Consultations	4
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Rd Tree Cutting Approvals	1
Subdivision Approvals	6	Architectural Design Reviews	7
Boundary Line Adj. Approvals	6	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

Zoning Board of Adjustment Application Summary 2016

Variance Applications	14	Total Applications Withdrawn	0
Variances Granted	13	Equitable Waivers Granted	0
Variances Denied	1	Rehearing Requests Received	0
Special Exception Applications	13	Rehearing Requests Granted	0
Special Exceptions Granted	12	Rehearing Requests Denied	0
Special Exceptions Denied	1	Administrative Decisions Denied	0

Meredith Village Pathways Committee

The Meredith Village Pathways Committee is an advisory committee appointed by the Meredith Select Board. The broadly stated purpose of the committee is to develop a pedestrian plan and promote pedestrian activity in the community. Pedestrian planning takes the form of enhancing and expanding pathways, linking together recreational, civic and community destinations throughout Meredith Village and the community as a whole.



In January, our popular Meredith Village Historic Walking Map was reprinted for the second time. We thank our sponsors: Dak Financial Group, Mill Falls at the Lake, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Meredith Rotary Club, Meredith Historical Society, and Unfed Design. These maps along with our Village Pathways maps are available at kiosks throughout the village.

Progress has continued toward the future construction of the Hawkins Brook Nature Trail which will connect Meredith to its natural environment in the Hawkins Brook watershed. This universally accessible pedestrian trail will begin to the left of Meredith Village Savings Bank and will follow Hawkins Brook to a viewing platform overlooking the wetlands behind Crosspoint Shopping Center. A boardwalk will be constructed through the wetlands, with viewing platforms, and will join a wooded trail that will end at Prescott Park. This unique recreational trail, in the heart of the village, will have educational components as well as being a connector to Prescott Park, the Inter-Lakes School campus and the Community Center.

In March we received the professional trail design from Timber and Stone, LLC. In June, trail designer, Josh Ryan, presented the design to town residents at the Community Center. Initial development planning donations were made by Meredith Village Savings Bank, Meredith Rotary, Meredith Conservation Commission, Altrusa of Meredith and the Community Garden Club of Meredith. In October, our state DES permit was issued. We thank Carl Johnson and Randall Shuey for their contributions to this effort. Also in October, we received a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation. Fund raising for trail construction will begin in 2017.



The committee welcomes new members with an interest in the Hawkins Brook Nature Trail or pathway opportunities within the village.

We thank...

Town Planner Angela LeBrecque, Community Development Director John Edgar, and staff Chris Tivnan and Stephanie Maltais for the time, effort and guidance given to our committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Bourn,
Chairman Meredith Village Pathways Committee

Committee Members:

Carol Gerken, Lissa Goodby, Liz Lapham, Janis Roberts, Sandy Sabutis, and Chris Schwidder



General Government

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Summary

Annually, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews, updates and recommends a program of capital improvements for the following budget year. The primary purpose of the CIP is to assist the Board of Selectmen in their consideration of their annual budget (RSA 674:5). In addition, the CIP identifies future capital needs for a period of ten years. The recommended CIP is a non-binding planning tool. As a preface to the specific recommendations that follow, it is important to note:

- The Capital Improvement Program incorporates existing debt service as part of the overall capital program. For 2017, existing debt service payments will total \$ 698,892.71. This represents 43.57% of the recommended municipal Capital Improvement Program for 2017.
- The recommended municipal Capital Improvement Program for 2017 includes additional capital project spending in the amount of \$905,000.
- The CIP Advisory Committee recommends a municipal Capital Improvement Program (debt repayment plus capital projects) of \$1,603,893. This represents an increase of \$ 70,159, or 4.57% compared to 2016 municipal CIP-related appropriations.
- The municipal debt service schedule indicates that additional debt will be retired in 2018 through 2026. The Committee understands that as debt is retired, program capacity associated with the retired debt will be available to support future capital needs.
- In addition to specific projects that have been identified and programmed, there are significant capital projects that are likely to come before the Committee in the future, including:

◊Replacement of the DPW garage and related site improvements

◊Meredith Public Library

◊Exhaust source Capture Systems for both fire station facilities

◊Decanting Water Filtration System (water treatment plant)

The Committee has not programmed these potential projects at this time. It is anticipated however that as these projects become more defined, requests will be submitted for consideration in future CIP amendment cycles.

- Meredith is one of three communities that comprise the Inter-Lakes School District. Meredith taxpayers are responsible for approximately 73.4% of the district's costs including capital projects. The district has developed an eight-year capital improvements program. The District's program includes three capital projects where the Meredith-share would meet or exceed the Meredith CIP threshold of \$90,000. Meredith's pro-rated share is reflected in the Meredith Capital Improvements Program for informational purposes.

Recommendations - General Government

Waterfront Infrastructure

Recommendation: Allocate \$200,000 for 2017 and 2018 to the Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund.

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Rationale: In 2016, the Town Manager estimated the cost to address the capital needs of waterfront infrastructure at approximately \$1.6 mil. This estimate includes improvements at three project areas: the town docks, boardwalk and waterfront parks on Meredith Bay, docks and launch ramp at Shep Brown's, and the town-owned dock and post office on Bear Island. The Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance as of June 30, 2016 was \$95,391.00. The committee recommends that in 2017 we begin the assessment and design process for the project having the greatest need of immediate attention. Specific scope and timing has not been established. Note: the Worksheet shows potential long term debt for a \$1.2 mil bond issue beginning in 2020 for illustration purposes only.

Main Street

Recommendation: Allocate \$200,000 to the Main Street Expendable Trust Fund in 2018.

Rationale: In 2016 the Town Manager estimated the cost to rehabilitate Main Street at approximately \$2 mil. Specific scope and timing has not been established. The estimated balance of the Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund as of June 30, 2016 was \$50,559. The condition of Main Street, sidewalks, utilities etc. is vital to the wellbeing of the village core. Note: the Worksheet shows potential long term debt for a \$1.8 mil bond issue beginning in 2022 for illustration purposes only.

Recommendations - Fire Department

Fire Department Equipment

Recommendation: Allocate \$75,000 in 2017 and additional amounts in succeeding years to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. Allocate \$150,000 in 2017 to a new Fire Department Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund

Rationale: The town recently replaced Tanker 5 utilizing a FEMA grant and funds from the Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. The near-term priority is to replace turn-out gear in 2017 (\$150,000) per NFPA standards. The next vehicle scheduled for replacement is the Ford F350/Forestry 1 (\$150,000) in 2019 followed by the replacement of 1993 Pierce/Dash Engine 3 in 2021 (\$600,000) and Scott Air-pack replacements in 2022 (\$265,000). The estimated balance of the Fire Equipment Replacement ETF as of June 30, 2016 was \$100,188.

Recommendations - Public Works

Solid Waste Equipment

Recommendation: Allocate \$105,000 in 2017 and additional amounts in succeeding years to the Solid Waste Trailer Expendable Trust Fund. Note: In future years a new ETF may be established to address capital equipment needs other than solid waste trailers.

Rationale: The town owns three box trailers used to transport our solid waste from our transfer station to the disposal site. These are scheduled for replacement in 2017, 2019, and 2021 and cost approximately \$90,000 each. The estimated balance of the Solid Waste Trailer Expendable Trust Fund as of June 30, 2016 was \$100,663. Also scheduled for replacement is the Steel Walking Floor Trailer in 2020 (\$90,000) and the Downstroke Baler in 2022 (\$110,000).

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Highway Equipment

Recommendation: Allocate \$325, 000 in 2017 and additional amounts in succeeding years to the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: There is a significant amount of capital equipment scheduled for replacement in the coming years as illustrated below.

2017	Case Backhoe	(\$150,000)
2018	2003 Kenworth dump/sander	(\$210,000)
2018	2006 Ford F550 dump/ sander	(\$110,000)
2019	2004 Kenworth dump/sander	(\$210,000)
2019	2008 Ford F350 Bucket Truck	(\$150,000)
2020	2007 Kenworth dump/ sander	(\$250,000)
2021	Dresser Loader	(\$160,000)
2021	2004 Volvo Roller	(\$120,000)
2022	2013 Ford F550 dump/sander	(\$110,000)
2022	2005 Volvo Excavator	(\$250,000)

The estimated balance of the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Replacement Trust Fund as of June 30, 2016 was \$0.

DPW Facility

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: In 2014 Town Meeting appropriated \$100,000 to conduct a feasibility study for a new DPW facility at the current location on Jenness Hill Road. The DPW Facility Committee worked with HKT Architects, Inc. to examine the feasibility of re-developing the existing site. The DPW Facility Committee concluded that based on facility program needs developed by DPW and the consultant, the existing site on Jenness Hill Road is tight and would require significant site work. In 2016 Town Meeting approved an article funding a feasibility study (using the balance of the 2014 appropriation) without limitation to the Jenness Hill Road site. Later in 2016 HKT estimated the cost at \$18-19 mil. based on the original programming. The DPW Facility Committee will re-visit the facility program and location alternatives in 2017. The Town Manager expects to have a design/bid/build proposal for consideration by the 2018 Town Meeting. As a specific project is yet to be identified, the CIP Advisory Committee makes no recommendations at this time. Note: the Worksheet shows potential long term debt for a \$10 mil bond issue beginning in 2019 for illustration purposes only.

Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Parks and Recreation Department is currently developing a 15-year, Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A completed plan will be presented to the Board of Selectmen with subsequent updates to the CIP Advisory Committee as appropriate. The estimated balance of the Parks and Recreation Improvements Expendable Replacement Fund as of June 30, 2016 was \$0.

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Water and Sewer Department

Water System Improvements:

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Water Department has developed a criticality matrix for water mains within the distribution system. Many items identified in this assessment are below the CIP threshold (\$90,000) and will be considered maintenance items handled through the operating budget. The Water System Improvements Expendable Trust Fund balance as of June 30, 2016 was \$233,887.00. The water utility currently has \$460,000 in Capital Reserve and \$286,261 in the Access Fee Reserve that are available for repairs and major improvements.

Sewer System Improvements

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Sewer Department has completed a wastewater pipe inventory. Wastewater pipe made of asbestos concrete (AC) are to be addressed. All pipes in the system are being videoed to help determine pipe condition. In 2016, the rehabilitation of the Route 3/25 pumping station began which is expected to be completed in 2017. The sewer utility currently has \$521,278 in Sewer Access Fees Reserve that is available for repairs and major improvements.

Public Library

Recommendation: If the Town Meeting supports the proposed library relocation, it is recommended that a new Library Relocation Expendable Trust Fund be established with the Board of Selectmen identified as Agents to Expend. Should a new ETF be created, then a \$50,000 allocation is recommended to fund soft costs.

Rationale: The Library Trustees anticipate the completion of a Phase 1 Feasibility Study of a site located at the junction of US Route 3 and NH Route 106 in November 2016. The Library anticipates an engineering-level, Phase 2 Study in 2017. The estimated cost of the Phase 2 study is approximately \$30,000. The results of the Phase 1 Feasibility will determine actual costs for Phase 2. Land acquisition is estimated at \$250,000- \$300,000. Construction costs are estimated at \$4.2 mil. This proposal does not include costs associated with repurposing the existing library. Note: the Worksheet shows potential long term debt for a \$2.25 mil bond issue (total project cost less anticipated fundraising) beginning in 2019 for illustration purposes only.

Open Space/Conservation

Recommendation: Support the proposed expansion of the Page Pond Community Forest

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Open Space/Conservation continued...

Rationale: The Conservation Commission is currently working to conserve approximately 200 acres adjacent to Page Pond and Forest (Assessor's reference: Tax Map S-12, Lots 4 & 5). In 2017, the Commission will be seeking Town Meeting approval to acquire the property. Proposed funding sources are estimated as follows:

- approximately \$25,000 by transfer from the Open Space/Conservation Fund Expendable Trust;
- approximately \$100,000 by transfer from the Conservation Fund (Fund # 5) with the approval of the Conservation Commission;
- up to \$600,000 from grants;
- the balance to come from private donations.

It is anticipated that no new tax dollars will be utilized for this acquisition. The Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance as of June 30, 2016 was \$39,275. The balance of the Conservation Commission (Fund # 5) was \$143,885.

Debt Service

Recommendation: Pay off the Page Pond conservation bond in 2017 (\$72,830).

Rationale: According to the existing debt service schedule, there are two remaining payments; 2017 (\$42,269) and 2018 (\$30,561). Paying off the bond issue one year ahead of schedule will free up limited capacity in 2018. Note: in 2008, the Conservation Commission agreed to forego annual requests to fund the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund until the bond was repaid.

Note: The Worksheets include potential bond issues associated with the DPW Building, Library, Waterfront Infrastructure and Main Street. The related debt service is for illustration purposes only and is not recommended at this time.

Inter-Lakes School District

Recommendation: allocate \$56,260 to the School Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust for 2017 and succeeding years. Note: This amount reflects Meredith's share of a proposed \$75,000 addition to the ETF

Rationale: In 2016 the District expects to complete the Community Auditorium seating replacement project. The ILSD Capital Improvements Plan and Facilities Budget Plan dated October 2016 identifies three future projects meeting the \$128,000 District threshold of which the Meredith share would be approximately 75% of the project cost. These improvements include:

2020-21	Synthetic field replacement	(\$500,000)
2021-22	Improvements to the upper soccer field at ILHS	(\$160,000)
2022-23	Sandwich Central School boiler replacement	(\$130,000)

Waukegan Watershed Committee

Mission Statement - The Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee is a volunteer advisory Committee appointed by the Meredith Board of Selectmen. The Committee provides an organizational structure for citizens and local officials from the 5 watershed communities to facilitate implementation of the Management Plan for the Waukegan Watershed. A principal responsibility of the Committee is to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding water quality conservation issues throughout the watershed. While maintaining a diverse geographical and stakeholder structure, the Committee works collaboratively with local watershed communities, state agencies, local associations, citizens and other partners in the implementation of the Plan.

Watershed Plan. The Lake Waukegan and Winona Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP) was completed in 2016 by the Lake Winnepesaukee Association in conjunction with a twenty-seven member advisory committee including several members of the WWAC. The plan is part of a long-term strategy to address current impairments in both lakes by focusing on ways to reduce sediment and nutrient loading inputs to the waterbodies. The WRP builds upon the previous Management Plan For The Waukegan Watershed completed in 2005 by quantifying nutrient loading by land use and source, sets local goals or thresholds for in-lake phosphorus levels, and presents an action plan to further protect and improve water quality .

Membership. In early 2017, the Committee elected Donna Van Ness and Frank Murphy to serve as Co-chairs for the ensuing year. Welcome! The Committee is always seeking out those that may have an interest in serving on the advisory Committee. It is important that we have diverse membership with representation from all watershed Towns, and from municipal water consumers that depend on Lake Waukegan for their drinking water. For more information about the WWAC please contact Donna Van Ness at 279-4894 or dvnom@aol.com

Submitted,
John C. Edgar, 2016 Acting Chairman

Energy Committee

The Meredith Energy Committee is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Its purpose is to encourage and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy for Meredith's municipal operations, businesses, and residents.

The Energy Committee welcomed Bill Haley in 2016 as a new member. Bill has been interested in energy conservation, production and management and has implementing home energy projects over much of his life. He has been a welcome addition to the Committee for his great ideas and enthusiasm. In 2016 the Energy Committee participated in a Regional Energy Hub that includes the Towns of Meredith, Center Harbor, Holderness, Bristol and Plymouth. The purpose of this group is to share ideas and work together to support energy education and initiatives in the region.

The Energy Committee hosted a workshop presented by Scott Maslansky of the Jordan Institute on a new energy program in NH called C-PASE (Property Assessed Clean Energy for Commercial buildings). It allows building owners to overcome many of the financial obstacles they face in completing comprehensive and long pay-back energy projects. C-PACE ties cash positive, long-term private financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements to a commercial property through a Special Assessment lien. The Energy Committee celebrated Inter-Lakes School District for being chosen by the North East Energy Efficiency Partnership as a 2016 Northeast Business Leader for Energy Efficiency. The District was honored for their comprehensive efficiency projects that include replacing less efficient lighting with LEDs, as well as the installation of heat pumps, hot water systems, boiler systems and solar panels. When the improvements are completed, ILSD will save an estimated \$170,000 per year in energy costs.

Anyone with interest in the Energy Committee or its work can direct inquiries or questions to Angela LaBrecque at 677-4228.

Submitted by,
Bill Bayard, Chair
Meredith Energy Committee

General Government

Fire

Traditional my first thoughts are to thank those who help support Meredith Fire Department in its quest to render the required emergency services deemed necessary to serve the citizens of Meredith when requested. I would like to thank; Manager Warren, Select Board Members, Department Supervisors, MFD Officers, Members and Auxiliary for the continued support to make Meredith Fire to what it is today. 2016, was once again a busy year for the department which responded to a record number of 467 calls. This is a 12.8% increase over 2015 and a steady annual rate of increase of 5.75% since 2010. As in the past, the majority of runs continue to be Public Assist; false alarms, service calls, good intent and Rescue; motor vehicle accidents, medical assists and rescues.

I encourage all businesses and residents to have proper routine maintenance scheduled and performed on an annual basis on all heating appliances, exhaust sources, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, sprinkler systems, etc. We continue to respond to numerous calls associated with these sources, which in many cases could have been prevented with annual maintenance, thus taxing the overall municipal budget.

In early 2016 the Department was audited by Insurance Services Office (ISO) for the Municipal Fire Rating Classification. In the past, these audits were conducted roughly every 12 years, it has now changed to every 4 years. Prior to this past audit, Meredith's ranking was a 5/8B, meaning a 5 in the municipal water district area and an 8B in the outer rural areas including islands. This rating is used by insurance companies to calculate your home owner's insurance rate. In June the report from the audit was received with the new classification rate awarded as a 3/3Y. The rating improved by two classifications in the municipal water district area and remained the same in the rural areas including islands. At this time, I will be committing to improve the 3Y rating over the next few years by training and testing on rural supply with current new apparatus/equipment and installing additional reliable water source locations otherwise known as dry hydrants.

On October 29th the department held an open house in which to our surprise the new pumper/tanker was delivered as well. This piece of apparatus received partial funding from the FEMA Fire Act Grant back in 2014 for amount of \$380,953 with a 5% municipal match of 19,047. It replaces two pieces of apparatus; 83' Engine and 88 Tanker. It is equipped with modern equipment, thus enabling its capabilities to a higher standard above the apparatus being replaced.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Department participated in the local Senior Citizen Day Smoke Detector Check supported by LRGH. Batteries and out of date or malfunctioning Smoke Detectors were replaced for any senior citizen requesting such. This program insures that all smoke detectors are in working order with a new battery replacement on an annual basis. If you wish to receive such services, watch for the ad in the fall and make the call to request the service, the department will be happy to assist any senior citizen.

Recruitment and Retention continue to be an issue across the entire Country in the Volunteer/Call Departments. If you or someone you know have possibly considered becoming a member, please take time and stop by the station, let's sit down and discuss.

Listed below are the calls associated for the year 2011 through 2016.

In closing, as always, the Officers and I look forward to the challenges in 2017, working with the citizens of Meredith and thank all for the continued support.		2016	2015	2014	2013	2011	2011
	Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	11.1%	9.7%	7.7%	9.0%	9.6%	7.0%
	Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	16.7	14.7	14.2	15.3	12.9	16.6
	Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	19.7	19.8	19.1	21.6	24.1	22.0
	Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	52.5	55.8	59.0	54.2	53.4	54.4
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Total Number of Calls	467	414	388	445	395	384

Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, be sure to check yours!**

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

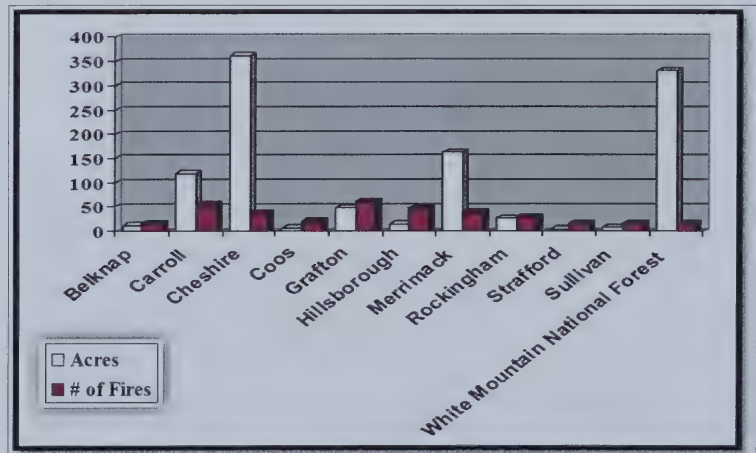
Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the Town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Meredith Fire and the Division of Forests & Lands work throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire to include Meredith are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2016 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org.

As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden, Chief Jones or Meredith Fire Department (279-6061), to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are available at Central Station, Town Office, Y-Landing and online by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact Meredith Fire Central Station 279-6061 or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect Meredith's/ New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfll.org.

2016 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206



Causes of Fires Reported

(These numbers do not include WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
15	85	35	10	12	2	18	9	148

Submitted by,
Kenneth G. Jones, Forest Warden/Fire Chief

Conservation Commission

Your Conservation Commission had another busy year in 2016

Trails & Bridges

Hamlin Eames Town Forest

The Hamlin-Eames Town Forest is our largest Town Forest and has the most extensive network of trails. Your commission, along with volunteers spent many hours brushing and re-blazing trails, removing blow-downs and building water-bars. With more than 800 acres, Hamlin Eames offers something for everyone, spectacular vistas, numerous specie habitations and trails for all levels of hikers.

Page Pond Community Forest

Page is Meredith's newest Town Forest with more than 600 acres. Each year, your commission with great volunteers works to improve and expand the trail network. This last year your commission and volunteers replaced all the old planking on the 100' Bog Bridge. The work on the restoration of the milldam continued into phase two, repairing and replacing the stonework on the east side on the sluice and the dam, as well as the sinkhole on the top of the dam. That work will continue in 2017.

Meredith Community Forest

Community Forest is conveniently located very close to Meredith's Village District and a short 5-minute walk from the Community Center. With roughly 200 acres, the extensive trail network provides for different choices every time you enter the forest. Your commission and volunteers spent numerous days brushing and blazing trails, removing blow-downs and adding additional water-bars. Residents should also be aware of the efforts taking place on the other side of the town boundary with Center Harbor as they work to conserve a second parcel of land all in an effort to protect the Waukegan watershed.

Public Outreach and Education

Your commission continues to work promoting Meredith's Town Forests to both residents and visitors. Your commission hosts guided events in the forests; bring in experts in forestry, biology, ecology and habitat study. We continue to promote our forests through social media, print media and in cooperation with local businesses. Our "TAKE A HIKE...IN MEREDITH" promotion continues to raise the awareness of the public to our magnificent forests.

Invasive Species

The commission continues its work on public outreach and education regarding the growing problem we have with invasive species, specifically Japanese Knotweed. We continue to work with State officials, the town and private property owners to fight this long term battle. We also continue to work with Plymouth State University's Center for the Environment analyzing the roadside inventory mapping completed over the last twelve months. This will allow us to identify priority areas where we should focus our attention.

Easement Monitoring Volunteers

Each year, your commission, with help from volunteers, monitors close to 30 parcels totaling more than 2,400 acres and with more than 40 miles of boundaries. We are actively seeking volunteers that would consider helping in our annual monitoring. This is a great way to view our beautiful open spaces from a different perspective then you get walking the trails. If you are interested, contact the Meredith Conservation Commission.

General Government

Conservation Commission continued...

2016 Highlights

The big news for 2016 is the Commission's decision, with the support of the Town's Board of Selectmen to move forward with our effort to acquire the 200+/- acres parcel that abuts the Page Pond Community Forest, a parcel known locally as Lincoln Farm. Your commission has had the highest priority on this parcel for many years and will again be working with The Trust for Public Land in our attempt to raise the needed funds.

The Conservation Commission reviewed and monitored 44 Dredge & Fill Applications for projects such as docks, beaches, shore land clearing, culverts and subdivisions. We provide comments related to the protection of natural resources: including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife and encroachment on the wetlands buffer zone.

Meanwhile your Conservation Commission continued to fulfill its other obligations. In addition to our scheduled meetings, commission members, alternates and other volunteers spend many hours in the field, monitoring and caring for your town forests. The Commission is the steward for more than 26 parcels. The properties range from as far east as Bear Island, to as far west as Hermit Woods.

Your commission would like to thank all the volunteers who show up whenever we send out the word. In 2016 your commission hosted 27 trail workdays where we typically had 5 to 8 volunteers put in hundreds of hours of work, Thank you all.

Your Commission would like to close this years report by recognizing the decades of service by Robert LeCount as a member of the Commission, who passed away in 2016. Bob served the commission in many capacities over the years and will be fondly remembered by those who knew him.

Respectfully Submitted

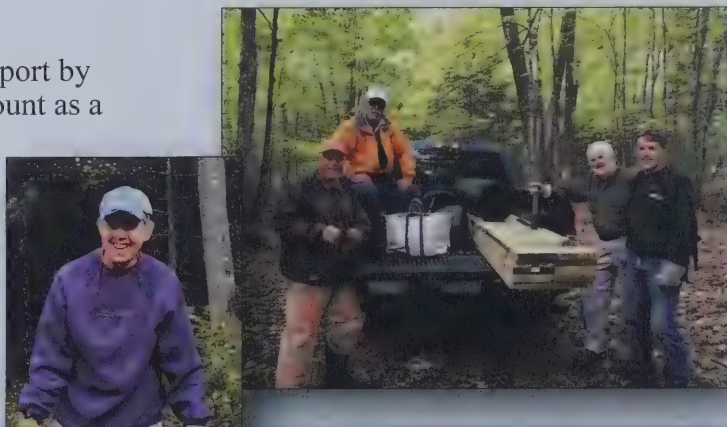
Members

Mark Billings, Chairman (2018)
Don McFarlane, Vice-Chairman (2017)
Paula Wanzer, Secretary (2019)
Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer (2018)
John Sherman (2017)
Mary Kahn (2017)
Bob Davis (2018)

Alternates

Jim Gregoire (2017)
Paul Dillon (2018)
Tony Sabutis (2019)
Scott Powell (2019)

The pictures to the right are from the Meredith Conservation's Facebook page.



Conservation Commission continued...

Yellow Trail to Crockett's Ledge in Hamlin/Eames/Smyth/Kahn



General Government

Public Works

In 2016, the Town of Meredith was awarded a grant from NH the Beautiful (NH+B) in the amount of \$2,200.00. This grant was used toward the purchase of a Vertical Baler. The Vertical Baler is necessary in producing heavier and more quality bales.

NH the Beautiful, Inc. (www.nhthebeautiful.org) is a private non-profit charitable trust founded in 1983. All NH+B funding comes from voluntary donations made by the soft drink, grocery, and malt beverage industries in NH. NH+B has been helping New Hampshire

communities improve their recycling programs for over 30 years by providing equipment grants and recycling signs as well as, offering discounted pricing on recycling bins and containers. NH+B New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. also supports the NRRA School Education Program (the CLUB). The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) (www.narra.net) is administrator for the New Hampshire the Beautiful programs.

NH the Beautiful is pleased to support the Town of Meredith in its efforts to improve its recycling program.



Northeast Resource Recovery Association

Congratulations to the Town of Meredith, NH for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment. The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled	Environmental Impact
Electronics	72,866 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 9.3 houses for one year!
Paper	282 tons	Saved 4,808 trees!
Plastics	57,040 lbs.	Conserved 42,780 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metals	142.5 gross tons	Conserved 399,000 pounds of iron ore!
Steel Cans	10.8 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 90 watt bulb for 626,860 hours!
Tires	24 tons	Conserved 15.8 barrels of oil!

Avoided Emissions:

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about **1,786 tons** of carbon dioxide emissions. This is the equivalent of removing **380 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year.



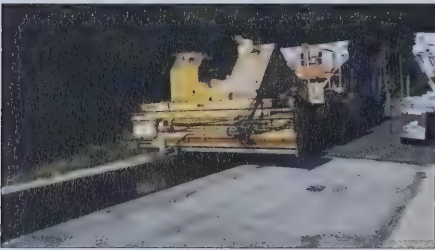
General Government

Public Works

Public Works consists of four divisions: Highway, Solid Waste, Cemetery and Buildings & Grounds. 2016 was a year of change for our department. We were deeply saddened by the death of our co-worker, Allan Bolduc, in December. Al had been a common sight working around town as Assistant Public Works Director for many years. He will truly be missed.

Gail Brace, our Front Desk Clerk, retired in August 2016. She had worked at Town Hall for many years before transferring to the Public Works office in 2007. We wish Gail well in her retirement! Stephanie Stohl, who formerly worked at the Town Hall, transferred to our Public Works office in October 2016 as our new Front Desk Clerk. James Frangelli, who previously worked for the town highway crew years before, has returned as our new Public Works Operation Manager in charge of the Highway and Solid Waste crews. Nick Antonopolous joined our Buildings and Grounds Maintenance crew.

HIGHWAY: We had a productive year with our highway crews hard at work maintaining and improving our town roads and infrastructure.



We completed over 93,000 square yards of chip seal on town roads as well as over 3 miles of new paving.

The Lang Street reconstruction project was completed this year. Sidewalks and both underground and above ground utilities were repaired and relocated.

Granite curb was installed, new drainage systems replaced the old and the street was paved.

Our old grindings from our Main Street work were recycled and installed on the beginning part of Keyser Road to help with dust and road stability. Extensive drainage work was done town wide, replacing and repairing catch basins and replacing old culverts. Ditching was done extensively on many town roads to improve drainage with a major focus on the Chemung area to help keep scenic roads in shape.



Brian Grinavic completed classes from UNH T2 on Backhoe Operation and Safety and Keith Wells completed UNH T2 Grader Operation and Maintenance. Mike Faller, Fred Hawkins and Greg Pelczar also received State Certification for Culvert Replacement and Maintenance.

SOLID WASTE: NH the Beautiful awarded the Town of Meredith a grant of \$2,200 towards the replacement of the new vertical baler. We also purchased a new Bandit wood processor/chipper to replace the old, worn out one.



Recycling rates have dropped to an all-time low but we continue to strive hard to improve our percentages and are part of a cooperative with other towns through the NRRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) to find new markets. I serve on the Board of Directors for the NRRRA. Please recycle! Not only is it mandatory at our facility but it does help keep material out of the landfills. When markets are low we crush our glass and mix it with gravel for our drainage projects, which not only recycles the glass but helps stretch our gravel budget.



General Government

Public Works

Our Solid Waste Operators complete yearly education requirements for their NH State Solid Waste Operator licenses. Two of our Solid Waste crew members also hold Weighmaster Licenses with the State of NH Weights and Measures Bureau, for operating our scale at the facility. The scale is certified and calibrated each year by the State of NH.



Brian Grinavic shown repainting the signs at Solid Waste this year.

New two-year Solid Waste Permit Decals will be issued this spring of 2017. This decal permit allows residents and taxpayers to use the Solid Waste Facility and the town beaches and boat launches. We are a mandatory recycling facility. A recycling store is operated at the facility for users to bring in items to recycle and purchase good, used items (for a nominal donation) that would otherwise be disposed of. Donations received for these store items help defray operational costs for the facility. We received approximately 2,200 tons of trash, 140 tons of cardboard, 271 tons of newspapers, 215 tons of aluminum cans and approximately 1,100 tons of construction debris last year.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS and CEMETERY DIVISIONS: These employees clean, repair and maintain our town's waterfront and Main Street parks, our waterfront docks, and our town buildings and grounds, year round. They put up and take down the Christmas lights and Holiday decorations every year and hang the wreaths on the light poles.

The crews also maintain our Route 3 Village Cemetery and Lang Street Cemetery along with 89 other small cemeteries around town. They keep these grounds pristine, repair stones and monuments. The Cemetery Sexton oversees burials and the sale and transfer of grave lots. The dedication and hard work of these employees help keep Meredith a beautiful and clean destination for our year round residents and for tourists to flock to from around the world.

DPW OFFICE: Our two person office staff continues to be available to residents and taxpayers Monday through Friday for assistance or to request services from one of our four divisions. We sell the Solid Waste Permit decals at our office. You can also obtain driveway permits, load limit permits for posted roads, Hesky Park sign use permits, road opening permits, trench permits and facility use permits for our waterfront and Main Street parks. They are here to answer your questions, provide assistance and work from behind the scenes to keep our four department divisions running smoothly. Our office has easy access right off Route 3 (we are right next to Family Dollar) including handicap parking.

In November, I was a speaker for the Seventh Grade Career Panel at Inter-Lakes Middle School as part of the Career Partnership Program between the Greater Meredith Program and Inter-Lakes Schools. This was very rewarding and I enjoyed answering questions and interacting with the students.

All of our Public Works employees work very hard to keep our town running efficiently, keep our infrastructure in excellent shape and to maintain the beauty of our town.

I wish to thank the town residents for their continued support and cooperation throughout the year, which enables all of us to do our jobs well.

Michael Faller
Public Works Director

General Government

Parks and Recreation

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP

Tom Branagan, Maintenance

Sarah Perkins, Program Director

Terri Thompson, Front Desk Associate

Russ Weeks, Maintenance Crew Chief

Thank You!

We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2016. Community members have shared their time and talents as youth sports coaches, field trip chaperones, special event helpers, and many other roles helping us to offer many quality programs and activities. Among our many dedicated volunteers is Nancy Lavigne, who has nearly single handedly cared for and nurtured the Community Center garden over the last 8 years. Nancy has given her heart and soul to the garden and the community has benefited greatly from her efforts, as we have enjoyed its growth and development. Thank you Nancy!

Thanks to the efforts of our staff members, and through generous contributions from local merchants, civic groups, and private citizens; the following events were successfully held: 4th of July Concert, Easter Egg Hunt, What's Cooking Program, Free Adult Computer Classes, and the annual Tree Lighting/Holiday Open House. A special thank you goes out to our counselors in training who volunteered their time and talent assisting with many of our programs and events. We are very appreciative of the generous sponsorships that we received making it all possible.

I would like to acknowledge the following sponsors & volunteers for their support:

ACTIVITY

FRIENDS of Parks and Recreation

Easter Egg Hunt

4th of July Concert

Holiday Open House

Summer Camp Sponsor

Summer Camp Scholarship

Santa Calling

What's Cooking Program

After School Program Cookie Baking

After School Program Karate

Easter Egg Hunt

Youth Lacrosse Program

Adult Pick-Up Soccer & Ultimate Frisbee

Senior Adult Computer Class

Fall Park Clean Up

Use of Maintenance Equipment

SPONSOR

Joia Hughes, Jamie Good, Bobbie & Don Trudeau, Jen Stevens

Altrusa, Astra, & FRIENDS of Parks & Rec

Inns & Spa at Mill Falls

FRIENDS of Parks & Rec, Astra, Matt Tremblay

Altrusa

Altrusa, Jim Durkee Memorial Fund

Matt Tremblay

Pastor Robin & Volunteers, Trinity Episcopal Church

Anne McDonough, Trinity Episcopal Church

Sensei Carl & Sensei Jacob, Beyond The Belt Martial Arts

Bob O'Neil, Altrusa, Astra

Chuck Buhrman, Tony Chiefe, Jay Hayden, AJ Salamanca,

Derek Bekar, Reagan Buhrman, Liam Brown.

Hayden Jurius

Meredith Public Library, Chris Leland

New Hampton School

Meredith Water & Public Works Departments

General Government

Parks and Recreation continued...

Community Center

In April the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a gathering to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of opening the Community Center, which featured live music, great food, and a shared appreciation of the contributions made by so many individuals and organizations that made it all possible. Demand for the Community Center continued to be strong in 2016. Along with many activities being offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, the Community Center hosted several public service organizations on a regular and frequent basis for meetings, training sessions, public hearings, and presentations. These groups included municipal, school district, state, and federal agencies. The Community Center serves as a valuable location for numerous Non-Profit organizations as well as, private bookings such as birthday parties, reunions, weddings and so on. The Meredith Parks and Recreation Department has registered 3,455 families and 7,900 members for programs it has offered since opening the Community Center. In 2016 the Community Center received 9,750 registrations for the Parks and Recreation Department's "Drop In" Program which is offered free of charge to students in high school, middle school, and to community members, where participants have the opportunity to choose their own activities in the Activity Center, Game Room, and Arts & Crafts Room. The Community Center has provided a wonderful gathering place for our community and for people of all ages to play, socialize, learn, make decisions, and plan for the needs of our community in the future.

We look forward to working together with the community to help meet the demand and make the Community Center available to as many different user groups as reasonably possible.

Program Growth

The Parks and Recreation Department experienced strong growth in two of our core programs in 2016, as enrollment in the Summer Camp Program increased by 18% and enrollment in the After School Program increased by 86%. Other programs that realized an increased enrollment included Adult Pickle Ball (+47%), Youth Playgroup (+23%), Youth Track (+17%), and School Vacation Camps (+10%). New programs offered in 2016 included Family Cabin Fever Movie Night, Adult Ultimate Frisbee, Adult Soccer, and Youth Lacrosse.

We thank all the volunteers who helped make these new programs possible.

A list of 2016 program participation numbers for activities offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department is provided to the right of this page.

PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
After School Program	54
Summer Camp	120/Week
Chuckster's Fun Park Field Trip (Grade K-8)	98
Skyzone Field Trip (Grade K-8)	97
Whales Tale Field Trip (Grade K-8)	120
Canobie Lake Field Trip (Grade 4-8)	46
Clarks Trading Post Field Trip (Grade K-3)	36
Counselor in Training Program	24
Insanity Adult Exercise Class	4
Swim Lessons	150
School Full Week Vacation Camps	83
Full Day & Half Day No School Camps	74
Senior Strength & Balance Program	149
Family Cabin Fever Movie Night (New)	100
Coed Youth Soccer Program	64
Coed T-Ball	64
Craft Fair Vendors	30
Craft Fair Attendees	400
Red Sox Trip	43
Preschool Playgroup	57
Evening Adult Pickle Ball Program	89
Senior Exercise	52
Holiday Movie Night	100
Adult Day Pickle Ball	133
Men's Pick Up Basketball	90
Birthday Party Groups	39
Adult Coed Volleyball	27
Climbing Wall Drop Ins	85
Skate Park Drop-ins	300
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting	150
Granite State Track & Field Program	28
North Pole Calling	40
Hart's/Parks & Rec Thanksgiving Community Dinner	60
Community Center Drop-Ins	9,750
4th of July Concert	400
Easter Egg Hunt	320
Holiday Open House	250
Tree Lighting	120
Halloween Bash	200
Senior Exercise Program	52
Senior Adult Drop-Ins	12/Day
Senior Adult Computer Class	8
Senior Adult Movies	8
Senior Adult Blood Pressure/Foot Clinics	25
Senior Adult Walking Program	9
Senior Knitting Group	8
Adult Ultimate Frisbee (New)	11
Adult Pick-Up Soccer (New)	13
Youth Lacrosse Program (New)	22
Adult Tennis Lessons	10
Youth Tennis Lessons	15

Parks and Recreation continued...

Senior Adult Activities

The Meredith Parks and Recreation Dept. offers or supports the following programs for Senior Adults:

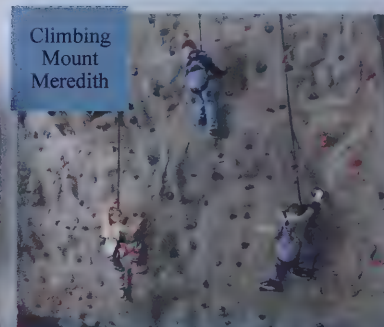
- Walk Fit
- Free Monday Morning Movies
- Free Hearing Clinics
- Hooks & Needles Crochet & Knitting
- Free Blood Pressure/Foot Clinics
- Senior Exercise Class
- Free Computer Classes
- Strength & Balance Program

In addition senior adults are welcome to visit the Community Center from 8:00AM-2:30PM for free coffee, socializing, and taking part in the programs offered.

As always I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational opportunities for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2016.

Sincerely,

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Meredith Parks and Recreation Director



General Government

Town Clerk

Kerri A Parker, CTCTC, CMC
Town Clerk



Some of you may have noticed that Stacy Bivolcic has joined the Town Clerk Department as my deputy and Stephanie Stohl has moved over to the Public Works department which she was eager to step into the footsteps of Gail Brace who had served the town for many years.

We have survived a very tumultuous year of elections that none of us will soon forget.

My tenure as the President of the NH City and Town's Clerk Association was a very busy but rewarding experience for me. I was able to travel NH and meet with some very new and seasoned clerks alike who have the same passion that I have for serving the residents of our towns. I was also able to travel to Nebraska in order to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerk Association's Conference and was able to meet and learn from some fellow clerks from all over the world. During this busy year I obtained my Certified Municipal Clerk's designation. My next goal is to achieve my Master Municipal Clerk designation.

My appointment as Chair of the New England Municipal Clerks Institute began in Nov and I look forward to providing 100 plus clerks from all over New England and New York with a top notch education here in beautiful Plymouth NH, at Plymouth State University. Of all the 12 Regions for IIMC this Institute is the only one that is run by clerks for clerks. I look forward to my continued service to this community.

The 2016 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations: (10,432 Auto) & (380 Boat)	10,812	\$ 1,532,092.22
Dogs	1,224	7,428.00
Vital Records	1,030	13,390.00
Marriage Licenses	104	3,250.00
Miscellaneous...		3,211.30
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits - Copies		
Dredge & Fill Permits - Mailings - Notary/Justice Fees		
Total Revenue Collected		\$ 1,559,371.52

Total Revenue Collections

2016	1,559,371.52
2015	1,455,904.96
2014	1,323,392.32
2013	1,266,095.00
2012	1,156,700.00

Meredith Public Library

In the spring of this year the trustees voted to relocate the library from its current location to a “to be determined” location. The current site lacks space for expansion and adequate parking, has numerous safety code violations and does not meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The trustees desire an accessible building on one level for those with disabilities which would also be easier to staff, allowing the library to open an extra day per week. Consultants also determined that it would be much more expensive to renovate and expand at the current site than to build new elsewhere. A site location committee finally determined that a lot of land near the rotary at the intersection of Parade Road and Route 3 would be the best solution after looking at numerous properties.



Benjamin M. Smith Library circa 1910.

The decision has stirred up much public debate both for and against the move. This has led the trustees to seek more public input regarding the decision. At the 2017 Town Meeting, the public will be asked to vote on \$50,000 to perform a feasibility study on the current site. The trustees still feel that moving is the best choice, but also recognize that many in Town would be willing to spend more money to have the library remain at its current location in spite of the site’s limitations. The trustees feel that a complete feasibility study on both the current site as well as, the proposed new site will give the public the opportunity to thoroughly compare and contrast both sites.

While the future location of the library was debated in newspapers, breakfast counters and grocery stores, the dedicated library staff continued providing their first-rate service last year. On average, 5000 people pass through our doors each month to pick up the latest bestseller or DVD, to attend a workshop, lecture or youth event, and to seek technical advice for their laptop, tablet or cell phone. We also assist people with their job applications or resumes, help students with their research needs and make book, film or TV series recommendations. We taught classes on “cutting the cord” to cable television and make available over 4,000 feature films and television series. As more and more families are looking to save money, the library is a resource for educational, cultural and recreational reading and viewing.

Youth services saw a 11% increase in event attendance and the library as a whole had an attendance increase of 10% while actual checkouts increased by 1%. The way the library is being used is changing from people just popping in to check out their items and then leaving to people coming to the library and staying either to use our PCs or wifi, to read the papers, play in the children’s room, knit, attend events or receive technology assistance. We are a community gathering place for people of all ages, something we would like to expand on in the future by having a dedicated teen room, an expanded children’s room and more spaces for adults to work or read.



General Government

Meredith Public Library continued...

This year the Friends opened a used book store called "Once Read Books" which is currently located at the rear of 44 Main Street, accessed from the upper Mill Parking lot. Antique and gently used books are sold to benefit the Friends of the Library. The Friends have generously pledged \$10,000 towards the library's building project. They plan on using the money that they raise for the project as part of a matching campaign. They raise money through book sales, membership drives and the annual Book It! 5k race, as well as at their new store. The Friends support most of our events at the library, the ancestry.com subscription, bookmarks and our museum passes. If you are interested in joining the Friends, please pick up a brochure at the main desk.



The Friends also did their usual first-rate job planting and maintaining our two library gardens. The main garden in the front is an All-American Selection Display garden. This year the theme was "pollinators" and the Friends designed the garden in order to attract bees and other pollinators. Thank you to the Greater Meredith Program for sponsoring the plants and flowers and to D.S. Cole for delivering them and for helping with the design and planting. The trustees and I cannot thank the Friends enough for the hard work they do for the library year-round! It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again to Paul Ristaino and the Buildings and Grounds crew for taking care of us!

Erin M. Apostolos, Library Director

Circulation...		Statistics...	
Adult Media	21,806	Reference Questions Answered	1,737
Adult Books	21,230	Annual Visits	58,240
Youth Materials	24,507	Number of Registered Patrons	5,634
Magazines	1,555	Internet Usage	6,317
Interlibrary Loans	1,447	Acquisitions...	
eBooks, eAudios, eMags	10,227	Media	408
Museum Passes	218	Books	2,282
Telescope	16	Gifts	200
<i>Total Circulation</i>	81,006	Magazines	510
		Lost/Discarded	5,028
		<i>Total Inventory</i>	37,381

Report of the Library Trustees of Trust Funds - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

		Beginning				Ending
Non-Expendable Trusts		Balance	Total	Total	Period	Balance
Library Trusts	Purpose	1/1/2016	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	12/31/2016
Nichiporuk Fund	Library	\$ 712,062			\$ 17,130	\$ 729,192
Improvement Fund	Library	\$ 153,960		52,446	\$ 1,693	\$ 103,207
Total Library Non-Expendable Trusts		\$ 866,022	\$	\$ 52,446	\$ 20,820	\$ 832,399

General Government

Police

Chief of Police, Kevin A. Morrow

"The mission of the Meredith Police Department is to prevent crime, preserve order and to protect the rights, lives and property of all people. We will work in partnership with our community to identify and effectively respond to the diverse, ever-changing social neighborhood problems and needs. We will do this with respect, fairness and compassion."

As 2016 draws to a close, and what should be joyous holiday celebrations in full swing, it's a sad reminder that drug manufacturing and drug use seem to remain in the forefront of societal concerns and criminal activity. As part of an internal study comparison, the below data was gathered for the dates of January 2014 through October 2016.

One might wonder why the apparent decrease in recognized drug activity seems 'against the grain' with all the media reports of increased drug activity nationwide. The Meredith Police Department does its best to stay on top of drug issues and has its fair share of drug-related arrests, confiscating drug paraphernalia and assisting EMS in the handling of drug overdoses. Sadly, drug manufacturers, dealers and users are becoming more of an integrated 'machine'. We rely on public information, street-side contacts, CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System) information and intelligence from other agencies, to effectively combat the growing drug issues affecting our community and to keep our citizens and families safe.



As a reminder, the Meredith Police Department takes part in the NH Drug Take Back program, which will be in the months of April and October 2017. Regardless of those set dates, we will continue to take and hold pharmaceutical products throughout the year until they are properly disposed of, or until further notice. The following are acceptable items: all solid pharmaceutical products and liquids in the original consumer containers that include controlled and non-controlled drugs, over the counter medication, and liquids such as cough syrup; items that will **not** be accepted include intravenous solutions, injectable, syringes, aerosols or inhalers. Additionally no illicit substances such as marijuana will be accepted.

Continued training is a necessity for our staff to keep abreast of the ever changing drugs, paraphernalia, technology, symptoms and signs of drug activity. Training for the Meredith Police Department for 2016 has included the following subjects, totaling 1,150 hours: Drug Investigations, Mental Health First Aid, Search & Seizure Enforcement; Human Trafficking Awareness, Response to Active Shooter, Firearms/Civil Liability, Rifle Instructor, Motor Officer, Field Training Officer, Intoxilyzer 5000 Recertification, and Dispatcher and Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) Training.

Training gives way to take a more issue-specific stab, through grants, back onto the road. During the months of October 2016 through September 2017, the Meredith Police Department has and will continue to effect the following: Speed, Safe Commute and Click-It (seatbelt) shifts that will occur between the hours of 6AM -10AM and 3PM-7PM; DWI shifts; Radar Sign shifts; and Distracted Driving shifts, geared at making sure people are not using hand-held devices (cell phones) while behind the wheel.

In closing, I would be remiss in not publicly thanking Lieutenant Keith True for his 26+ years of unwavering service to this Department and this Town. To list his credentials, his contributions and extensive qualities that have made him so well-respected and a person looked at repeatedly for guidance and instruction in all levels of police work, would be an insurmountable feat.

Police continued...

One might argue that the fact that Meredith is his home-town, set his work ethic to an even higher standard of everything that our mission statement embodies. His retirement came as a surprise, perhaps more so because we were so fortunate to have had him as a critical staff member. In truth, we all wish him nothing but the best in his new endeavor of working as a Police Officer for the University Of Plymouth, his Alma Mater. And, because of his dedication to this Department, to his Town, he will be staying on as a Special Officer, and for that we are extremely thankful.

Meredith Police Department 2016 Statistics:

Calls For Service: 12,413

Arrests: 254

Offenses: 383

Accidents: 248

Emergency Management

Kevin A Morrow, Meredith Emergency Management Director

Chief Ken Jones, Assistant Emergency Management Director

In 2016 once again this was not a very active year for members of the Emergency Management team, which I'm very thankful for. We did have some emergency issues that happened, mostly power lines down, minor flooding, and trees across the roads.

Every 5 years FEMA/NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management requires the Town to update their Hazard Mitigation and Local Emergency Operation Plans. In 2015 the Meredith Hazard Mitigation Plan were updated, adopted by the Town, and approved by FEMA/NH Homeland Security.

The next part of this process is to update the 2010 Meredith Emergency Operation Plans. These plans serve for the preparation and emergency response required by the Town of Meredith to react to any of emergency situation. In 2016 we are still reviewing and updating these plans with Lakes Region Planning Commission, Town Manager, Public Works, Water Department, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, Community Development, Superintendent SAU, Stewarts Ambulance, and our Heath officer.

The CERT- Community Emergence Response Team helped the Town of Meredith with a few non emergence functions this year. CERT main voluntary function is to respond to emergence needs when requested, but also they are called out to help with non-emergence functions also. They helped with traffic duties for the Library's Road Race.. So a BIG Thank you goes to the Meredith CERT.

Please do not forget about the Flu seasons: The Flu has caused a number of deaths this year, so here are some helpful hints;

Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Wash your hands often with soap and water.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Stay home if you are sick.

On behalf of Chief Ken Jones and myself, I would like to thank the community for all their help and patience, assisting the Town and our neighbors to get through the many issues that burdened us over the past years.

Water and Sewer

The Town of Meredith Water Department is dedicated to providing the community it serves. We know how important it is to provide our customers with high-quality drinking water and reliable service while providing enough supply to meet demand for both consumption and fire protection.

Water touches everything we care about. It's essential to sustain life, our economy and our communities. Our families require clean, safe drinking water for their health. Our community needs it for public safety, fire protection, recreation and economic development. Meredith Water is committed to providing high quality water and world-class service to families living and visiting our community while being good stewards of the environment. The Water Department adheres to regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

The Water Department Staff continues routine maintenance, preventative maintenance and round the clock emergency service to the water treatment plant, two booster stations, and 18 miles of water main, over 100 hydrants and the Town's 1.5 million gallon water tower.

The Meredith Sewer Department maintains the collection system which consists of over 20 miles of sewer mains, 5 lift stations, and over 300 manholes. The staff regularly performs regular maintenance and/or repairs on the pump stations and sewer main cleaning activities to ensure maintain proper flow.

All wastewater is sent to through an inter-municipal transmission line to the Winnepesaukee River Basin Treatment Facility in Franklin New Hampshire. This facility is owned and operated by the State of New Hampshire. Its associated expenses accounts for more than 50% on the Town's sewer budget.

The Water and Sewer Department have a combined staff of five employees faithfully devoted to safely and effectively providing quality customer service to our 1,200 water customers and 1,400 sewer customers. Every staff member is licensed to operate both our water and sewer systems. As part of our commitment to the community we are available 7 days a week and are on call 24/7 for emergencies.

Courtney Mitchell
Water and Sewer Superintendent

Lake Waukewan
The Town's
Source for
drinking water.



Supported Outside Agencies

American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

Legion Officers

Sam Blake, Commander Rudy Tibbetts Sr., Sgt-at-Arms Ryan Linke, Second Vice Commander
Elliot Finn, Judge Advocate Rudy Tibbetts Jr., First Vice Commander Henry Hall, Chaplin
Mark Sullivan, Adjutant Robert V. Kennelly, Service Officer Bill North, Historian
Casey Smith, Finance Officer

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Billie Jo Howe, President Robin Linke, Treasurer Mary Ballou, 1st Vice President
Brenda Wyatt, 2nd Vice President Ingrid Baker, Sgt-at-Arms
Robin Linke, Secretary Alisha Garrel, Chaplin

Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Officers

Jim Hurd, Commander Gary Weeks, Chaplin Tim Perkins, Sr. Vice Commander
Ernie Brown, Historian Carl Ballou, Junior Vice Commander Joe Hurd, Sgt-At-Arms
Barry Weeks, Treasurer and Adjutant

The Post has been at 6 Plymouth Street for over 95 years and is one of the most consistent parts of Meredith history and as such we are committed to putting Veterans and the community of Meredith first. We have about 250 Legion members, about 120 Ladies Auxiliary members and about 55 S.A.L. members. All three organizations work together to try to make our Post a well run one. We have a canteen that is open to members and their guests 7 days a week with different operating hours every day. Our meetings are held at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month except July and August.

We work with the youth of the Meredith area through the schools, the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department and the Santa Fund.

We hope to get area residents interested in our activities which are as follows:

The Fishing Derby in February

Memorial Day
The Fourth of July
Meredith Home Day and
Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in August
The Annual 9/11 Ceremony and Tribute
Halloween Veterans Day Thanksgiving
Christmas
New Years Eve and New Years Day

Please check the Meredith News, Laconia Daily Sun, or at the Post for dates and times. Post phone number is 279-8503.



Supported Outside Agencies

Genesis

RESPECT ADVOCACY INTEGRITY STEWARDSHIP EXCELLENCE



December 29, 2016

To the Residents of Meredith:

"A healthy population enables growth, productivity, and helps create an economic environment that will sustain New Hampshire's future well-being."

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health!

The appropriation we received from the Town of Meredith's 2016 budget helped Genesis Behavioral Health provide 24/7 Emergency Services to any resident of Meredith experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

During Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016), we served **259 Meredith residents and provided Emergency Services to 48 Meredith residents.** We provided **\$34,170.00 in charity care to Meredith residents.**

Meredith Residents Served	Patients Served-Agency	Charitable Care in \$	Patients Served-ES
Children (0 to 17 years)	87	\$4,271	13
Adults (18 to 61 years)	129	\$24,526	29
Elder (62 + years)	43	\$5,373	6

According to recent community needs assessments, access to mental health care continues to be a priority community need for Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. Reduced access to treatment leads to increased demand on many of the systems in our community, including emergency rooms, law enforcement, first responders, courts, corrections, schools and municipalities. The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than \$100 billion each year in the United States, causing unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2011).

A partnership with the municipalities we serve is critical to the sustainability of the Emergency Services program. The repercussions of reduced funding and limited access to mental health care are devastating for our communities. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling relationships, maintain stable employment and lead productive lives. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,976 individuals living with – and recovering from – mental illness last year.

On behalf of them, thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Margaret M. Pritchard", written in a cursive style.

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

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Supported Outside Agencies

Chamber of Commerce

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 250 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership. The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is open year round. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. Staffing the Center in 2016 were Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, Kathy Holly, and Adrienne Stevens.

The Chamber maintains a website which lists all Chamber members, is registered with the major search engines, and provides members with advertising opportunities. Community organizations are also listed on the site as well as a comprehensive calendar of events. Again this year, the Chamber conducted an advertising campaign designed to attract people to visit the area and we produced and distributed a four color, 24 page, high quality brochure which was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, as well as, the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center. The brochure is also mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting and several Business After Hours events. The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all updated. In addition, the Chamber assists many community organizations in the promotion of their events.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the Town in carrying out its many projects.

Susan Cerutti
Executive Director

Photo from:
The Meredith Area
Chamber of Commerce Website.



Supported Outside Agencies

Child and Family Services

For 166 years Child and Family Services has worked to preserve, empower and strengthen families throughout New Hampshire, the Lakes Region and in the Town of Meredith, thanks to your support with an annual allocation voted at Town meeting. Town support, along with other funding sources, is critical to our being able to offer a wide range of services to children and their families without regard to income. All of the agency's services are affordable and accessible to families in need.



Over 80% of the services we offer to children, youth and their families take place in community, school and home-based settings. We have a range of 25 programs that can be easily accessed by residents, some with no fee and others, because the Town supports us, on a sliding fee scale. We reach out to children who have experienced trauma and/or abuse, who have been impacted by poverty or whose families are in crisis. Challenged by unemployment or working more than one low-paying job, being uninsured or underinsured, and facing higher levels of stress due to short finances, leads to emotional stress. This combination of unrelenting pressure and limited resources can lead to a cycle of coping difficulties, emotional outbursts or withdrawal, chronic relationship conflicts that can interfere with positive decision-making, healthy actions and parenting and school failure. Twenty Meredith families were served by the Agency last year accessing , adoption preparation, adolescent substance abuse treatment, child abuse prevention and treatment, residential camping and other child enrichment activities, mental health counseling, day treatment, and a range of home-based services to prevent family break up and out of home placement for children at risk.

Community support makes it possible for CFS to deliver a range of other family support services to residents. Funding awarded by the Town has allowed us to maintain our tradition of providing effective, affordable services to low-income children, youth and families.

Every dollar the community invests in Child and Family Services is returned many times over in the value of services provided to residents. Having local support makes it possible for us to apply for state and federal contracts and charitable funds from foundations. We continue to count on your help to be able to offer a full range of quality, professional services to children and their families who otherwise could not afford them because they lack insurance or are underinsured. 90% of the families we serve live below the federal poverty guidelines. If our programs were not available to them, they would undoubtedly turn to the Town for public assistance.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to serve the most needy, vulnerable families without regard to income. Town support also makes it possible for us to secure a range of other charitable and public dollars that require local matching funds. Child and Family Services is New Hampshire's oldest charitable social service organization. In addition to our local office in Laconia, residents can access our services from our Concord site on North State Street and Camp Spaulding in Penacook, NH or Manchester program sites: at 464 Chestnut Street and Teen Outreach Center, 330 Lincoln Street where we serve runaway and homeless youth For further information about any of these services please call (800) 640-6486 or visit our website at www.cfsnh.org.

Supported Outside Agencies

Community Action Program

The mission of Community Action is to work with low-income families, the elderly and those with handicapping conditions to assist them in their efforts to become or remain financially and socially independent. The Agency accomplishes this task by providing a broad array of programs that are locally defined, planned and managed. During the past year, we have provided \$679,316 in services through the area center. In Meredith, we help with fuel and electric assistance, security deposits, emergency assistance and food from the Meredith Emergency Food Pantry. We also work hand-in-hand with other organizations to meet the needs of our residents. For those who are unable to come to the CAP office, we visit their homes and assess how we can help them. A portion of our funding that allows us to offer these services comes from the towns we serve. Meredith has been very supportive of our efforts over the years, and we are thankful for the Town's continued commitment to our programs. For more information, please contact us at 279-4096 or stop by our office at 147 Main Street.

Bob Adams, Meredith Area Center Director

Meredith Historical Society

Submitted by: Karen Thorndike



The Society's purpose is the collection and preservation of the history of Meredith. This includes preserving valuable books, manuscripts, photographs, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith. The purpose also includes maintaining the Pottle Meeting House, operating as the Farm Museum, and the Main Street Museum to house our collection.

The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two museums buildings are provided by donations from members and other interested parties. Sums designated as trust funds and bequests are encouraged, as they enable the Society to hold such amounts in trust and use only the interest as needed. The Town generously provides funds to assist in the payment of a stipend for the greeter for our Main Street Museum during the summer.

The Main Street museum is open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day four days a week, Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Many visitors use our files to gather information about previous generations or early local life.

The Farm Museum is open Saturday afternoons during the summer to Columbus Day from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and is staffed by volunteers. Arrangements can be made to visit the museum at other times by calling 279-1190.

On the first Tuesday of each month from May through November, the Historical Society presents programs that increase awareness of area history. These programs are offered at no charge and are open to all. This year's presentations included: "Loons in NH", "Meredith: Then and Now", "Benedict Arnold: Patriot, Traitor", "NH, A State of Mind", "Poor Houses & Town Farms", "Meredith & Center Harbor - A Shared History", and "Spain: A Magical Mystical Tour".

We have also extended our presence beyond our historical buildings. Inter-Lakes 4th graders learned of early farm life with the use of our "Traveling Trunk", full of implements necessary for local families in the early 1900's. Our antique farm tools were exhibited at Moulton Farm's "Old Farm Days". At our Plant Sale in May we promoted the sale and revival of the "Meredith Rose", a yellow rose bush believed to have been planted by employees of the early Linen Mill.

Meredith Historical Society expects to be a central part of planning for the 250th celebration of Meredith's incorporation in 2018. We welcome participation from anyone interested in Meredith's colorful past.

The Greater Meredith Program

The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a non-profit community economic development organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage, and town-wide beautification. GMP pursues these goals through direct advocacy and action and strives to capture and extend the vision, energy and inter-organizational cooperation that make Meredith such a special place to live, work and play. Our vision for our town is to be a year-round business, service, and recreational hub for residents, workforce, and visitors.



In the past thirteen years, through its many projects, the GMP has created and enhanced many community assets. This does not include the countless in-kind donations of our volunteer's time and talents. The GMP continues to engage a diverse group of community stakeholders dedicated to bringing positive challenges to our community. Under the leadership of GMP President, Rob Stephens and the GMP Board of Directors, the Greater Meredith Program supported ongoing programs and completed a number of new projects in 2016.

Ongoing projects that the GMP supported in 2016 include The All American Display Garden on the lawn of the Meredith Library. Sponsored by the GMP, the Friends of the Library plant and maintain the garden in front of the Meredith Public Library on Main Street. This is the 12th year that the Meredith Public Library garden has been designated as one of the more than 200 All-America Selections (AAS) Display Gardens that are grown across North America. The GMP in coordination with the town promotes the annual July 4th Fireworks Display for the community. Along with other community volunteers, the GMP Promotions Committee is facilitating the planning of Meredith's 250th Anniversary Celebration in 2018.

In 2016, the Greater Meredith Program was presented with an Award of Excellence from the Lakes Region Planning Commission. The award recognizes organizations with exciting and innovative projects that have been implemented in a community that serve the public good. The award noted the Greater Meredith Program's strong commitment to promoting economic vitality, historical culture and town wide beautification and cited among the GMP's programs the Design and Promotion Committees, the Meredith Sculpture Walk and Career Partnership Program.

GMP Board of Directors & Committees

The Greater Meredith Program's board is comprised of community leaders and town officials who volunteer their time and expertise to advance the mission of the organization. The GMP operates with the following committees: Design and Beautification, Fund Raising/Finance, Promotion, Economic Development, the Career Partnership Program and the Meredith Sculpture Walk. Each committee is comprised of board members and dedicated community volunteers.

GMP Officers and Board Members for 2016 included: Rob Stephens, *President*, Bob Manley *Vice-President*, Dick Pendergast, *Treasurer*, Katheryn Rolfe *Secretary*, Liz Lapham, *Executive Director* and Jack Carty, John Cook, Steve Durand, Justin Van Etten, Ted Fodero, Jeanie Forrester, Chris Kelly, Sam Laverak, Bev Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Brad Leighton, Miller Lovett, Rusty McLear, Chris Williams and *Ex-officio members*: John Edgar, Mary Ellen Ormond and Phil Warren.

Supported Outside Agencies

The Greater Meredith Program continued...

The **GMP Promotion Committee** promotes the district, creates image campaigns, retail promotions, and special events to attract residents and visitors to the village. In 2016, under the leadership of Chairman, Bob Manley and the support of Meredith merchants, the Greater Meredith Program erected two signs depicting our historic village and guiding tourists to Main Street. These signs are placed along the boardwalk between the town parking lot and the town docks and adjacent to the entrance of the boardwalk by the Town Docks Restaurant. The well received “*Do the Loop*” promotion invites visitors to Meredith to walk *The Loop* from the town docks up Lake Street, along Main Street to Route 3 and back to the town docks. A brochure listing shopping, dining and services is available at the signs.

In October, a “Spooktacular Series of Events” including a well received town wide Scarecrow contest was held. The winter season culminated with the lighting of a tree in Community Park and on going promotion of “*Do the Loop*.” Steve Durand, GMP Board member, is chairman of Meredith’s 250th Anniversary Celebration in 2018. The GMP Promotions Committee is helping facilitate the planning for the celebration.

The **GMP Design/Beautification Committee** provides design advice, plans, organizes and develops projects. In the true spirit of public and private sector cooperation, the Greater Meredith Program’s Beautification Committee working with the Belknap Landscape Co. of Gilford, the Town of Meredith DPW, NHDOT and Mill Falls at the Lake coordinated a project to expose the ledge on Daniel Webster Highway beautifying the entrance to Meredith and improving better sight lines for drivers. Future steps in the preparation process will be to construct planting beds. Appropriate plants and ground cover will be planted in 2017 to enhance the area. Since 2009, the **GMP Beautification Committee**, working with the town of Meredith, has planted 81 trees, part of the overall goal to plant 100 trees in the village. More than 150 plants have been planted and maintained along the wall on Pleasant Street by GMP volunteers.

In July 2016, the Design Committee of the Greater Meredith Program organized a design charette to envision the future for Swasey Park accessed at the end of High Street and bordering the Waukegan Canal. Their findings were presented to the public in October. Chris Williams, GMP board member and Chairman of the GMP Design Committee credited the charette as helping the committee look at ways to make the park more usable for the community in the future.

Meredith Sculpture Walk Committee. The Meredith Sculpture Walk, GMP’s successful on-going initiative celebrated its third year in 2016. The Meredith Sculpture Walk is committed to developing awareness and enjoyment of public art in Meredith for residents and visitors. It is a year-round, outdoor, juried exhibition with thirty-two sculptures featuring works by twenty-six New England artists. Sculptures are positioned in high visibility areas along Main Street, the Mill Falls Marketplace and in our lakeside Hesky and Scenic Parks. Popular tours, led by trained volunteer docents, were held throughout the summer and fall. Because of the Meredith Sculpture Walk, the Union Leader voted Meredith one the Top 10 Artsy Towns in New Hampshire.

Through the generosity of local donors, Black Sailboat, created by local artists Steven Hayden and David H. Little, was purchased in 2016 and donated to the Town of Meredith. Hugh Gibbons, creator of Red Wing, gifted his work to the Greater Meredith Program. Both sculptures will remain as permanent works.

The Greater Meredith Program continued...

The **Career Partnership Program** (CPP) is a public/private partnership between the GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District providing students the opportunity to explore future careers in hands-on working experiences. The Career Partnership Program gives students an opportunity to make connections with local businesses and give them exposure to future careers through job shadows and internships. The experience provides a variety of educational and experiential learning opportunities and the chance to gain real-world skills. Under Executive Director Allison Duffield's leadership there were twenty-two job shadows, twenty-three internships, fifteen guest speakers and twenty community service programs in 2016. A Resume Class and Employment 101 were also offered in 2016.

At the GMP 2015 Annual Meeting...

- ♦ GMP Board Member of the Year award was given to Chris Williams,
- ♦ Volunteer of the Year Awards were presented to Diane and Andy Lane,
- ♦ The 2015 Outstanding Business Supporter Award went to Jacki Taylor and Kathleen Swanson of Edward Jones Investments,
- ♦ A special Recognition Award, "The GMP Golden Trowel Award" was presented to the Meredith Community Garden Club, the GMP Beautification Committee, and Friends of the Meredith Library Garden members for their "green thumbs" and efforts to beautify our community,
- ♦ Pam Coburn received the GMP "Lady of the Letters" award for cheerfully and conscientiously maintaining the GMP Signboard.

Liz Lapham, Executive Director of the Greater Meredith Program, announced her retirement at the end of December, 2016. She feels that it has been an honor to be part of this wonderful community organization and is pleased with all the great things that have been accomplished. Lapham is excited for the next Executive Director, Monica Philbin, to take the GMP to even higher levels of achievement.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, the Greater Meredith Program thanks the Town of Meredith and its residents for their continued support in helping us make Meredith a great place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Lapham
GMP Executive Director
603 279-9015



Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association

Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association is your local non-profit home care/visiting nurse agency serving the Lakes Region since 1923. Our highly skilled, licensed, and professional staff provides nursing, rehabilitation therapies, speech therapy, personal care assistance, well-baby visits, pediatrics, end-of-life care, social work, and senior companion services within the home. LRVNA is a Medicare/Medicaid certified and state licensed agency. Medicare recently awarded us with 4 stars in patient satisfaction. LRVNA has also been named a Top 500 Agency in the United States by Home Care Elite.



We have continued to expand our services for the local population and we are in the process of starting certification to become an in-home hospice provider. Look for more exciting information coming soon! Hospice is the next step in our mission of providing complete care to you, our residents.

This Year at LRVNA

As your local health care at home provider, we are continuing to grow and change. Our staff has grown considerably and our year-to-date patient visits number over 8,000. This steady growth and a predictable future demand have led to additions to better serve you. This year we added an improved electronic medical record system to increase the quality and efficiency of our care. Hospice is on the way.

In 2016, LRVNA provided over 7000 patient visits to Meredith Residents in home care and clinics. LRVNA continues to host a foot care clinic on the first Wednesday of every month at the Meredith Community Center. We also offer yearly flu vaccine clinics at our office and at other hometown locations. Please call our office for information.

While our main focus is the homebound population, LRVNA provides services to those who are not homebound in our Meredith office every Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 am and 1 to 2 pm. Stop by for a free blood pressure check. We also offer wound care, coumadin testing, and injections for a small donation.

LRVNA has grown in size, in employees and in the number of Towns we serve. In 2013, we partnered with the Town of Moultonborough and Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service to give us the opportunity to serve the home healthcare needs of the residents of Moultonborough. This has allowed us to grow our services to also benefit the residents of Meredith. LRVNA is also a member of the Rural Home Care Network of NH. This year Cheryl Gonzalo was re-elected as its president. The group shares costs and information to provide superior health care at home to NH residents. We are also a member of the Home Care Association of New Hampshire, which provides us links to Washington and current rules and regulations.

Debbie Peaslee continues to enjoy her role as Clinical Director for LRVNA. Debbie was the Director of the Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service for 32 years. Cheryl Gonzalo, Executive Director, and Debbie Peaslee, Clinical Director, bring robust administrative skills and professional medical knowledge to the task of leading and growing this home health care agency. Our Finance Manager, Mary Elliard, brings strong skills to our team including accounting, HR, management, IT, and many more. In 2015, Mary and Cheryl became certified coaches in the Matter of Balance falls prevention program. They held two 8 week classes at the Meredith Community Center. Look for another program starting soon!

Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association continued...

Remaining a small community-based visiting nurse agency is important to us. A part of our mission is to provide home care services to Meredith residents based on their need, not their ability to pay. In 2016, the LRVNA provided almost \$200,000 in free or subsidized health care to Meredith's residents. Meredith's community support each year enables us to continue to meet that mission. The present economic environment has led to more residents going without health insurance coverage, yet they continue to be in need of home health care services. We of course continue to take Medicare, Medicaid, all private insurances, and donations. This year LRVNA partnered with the Common Man (Great American Dining) and implemented the "Feed the Need" fundraiser. This program was successful in raising over \$7000.00 in donations. Watch for Feed the Need this coming spring, 2017. We thank all of our donors for gifts large and small.

As your locally based visiting nurses, all of us at Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association are grateful to the residents of Meredith for their ongoing and strong support of this home care agency and its mission to this Town. Whenever you are in Meredith, please feel free to drop in, say hello, tour our facility, and discuss our many services that may be of help to you or your loved ones.

Be sure to visit our website, www.lrvna.org, to help you answer questions about your present or future home health care needs, or call anytime to 603-279-6611. We accept all insurances. We serve the communities of Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Tuftonborough, Sandwich, Gilford and Laconia.

We are dedicated to providing care to Meredith residents in need.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gonzalo
Executive Director



Kidworks Learning Center

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. We offer a before and after school program, as well as vacation and summer programs. The center provides services for over seventy five families in the Lakes Region, a majority of the families living or working in Meredith. Kidworks provides the families with not only quality care and education, but with USDA approved breakfasts, snacks and lunches. In conjunction with the New Hampshire State Scholarship Program and Town of Meredith, we are able to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need of assistance.

Our philosophy is to provide a stimulating environment for children to learn and express themselves with an emphasis on self-esteem. A variety of activities are provided that gives each child an opportunity to progress at his or her own pace in the major areas of development. We try to implement community outreach programs in our curriculum to instill the importance of helping others and our community. The center held their 13th Annual Food Drive. This was the Fourth Year we teamed up with Mill Falls at the Lake to make a donation to the Meredith Food Pantry. Our Pre-Kindergarten Class also continued their tradition of collecting items for the NH Humane Society during their animal unit. The children were very excited to deliver the food, toys and paper goods to the Humane Society.

The center spent 2015 working with a mentor from the Nutrition and Physical Assessment for Child Care Centers and continue the work into 2016. The preschool worked hard in the garden to grow vegetables and herbs for their meals. This proved to be an excellent lesson on the life cycle of plants as well as wild life in New Hampshire.

2016 was an exciting year for the center. We celebrated our 20th Anniversary and were awarded the Excellence in Child Care Award by Early Learning NH. We held a special “birthday” party for the center and the children made cakes and decorated their classrooms to celebrate. We had a BBQ with the families and staff and was honored with a visit by Jeanie Forrester.

Jeanie Forrester stopped by to celebrate our special milestone and to congratulate the center on being awarded the Excellence in Child Care Award by Early Learning NH. The center was presented with the award in honor of Megg Rugg, a dedicated Preschool Technical Assistance Network Child Care Consultant who worked throughout NH with early care and education programs to support their work with children with challenging behaviors and special needs, promoting inclusion for all children in families. We were nominated for the award because they felt Kidworks truly exemplifies the spirit of her dedication and commitment to the success of all children and families in our program. We were honored to receive such as an award from our colleagues.

On behalf of the families, staff, and Board of Directors of Kidworks Learning Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith for its continued support of the center.

Jennifer Weeks
Executive Director



Supported Outside Agencies

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and families of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith. We greatly appreciate the continued support for our families and the local community.

In the fall of 2016, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School celebrated its 45th anniversary. Research in the field of early childhood education shows that high quality child care is important to life-long learning and has a lasting impact on later success in life. Over the course of the last 45 years, I-LDCC provided early education for thousands of children, and now reaches across generations by serving the children of those who attended years ago.

I-LDCC is a non-profit, licensed, tax-exempt community child care and education agency that provides exceptional and affordable early care and education to a diverse group of children from 6 weeks through 12 years of age. The curriculum at I-LDCC celebrates the unique needs and interests of each child, engaging children in activities that develop language and literacy through interactions, experiences, and relationships with peers and teachers so that children develop competence, confidence, and dispositions for future learning.



Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is open year-round from 6:30am to 5:30pm, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. I-LDCC's professional staff, all members of NAEYC, responds to the needs of families, enhancing the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of young children. A range of services are offered including morning preschool, full and part-time child care, and school vacation enrichment camps. Through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) I-LDCC provided over 22,000 USDA-approved healthy meals last year. Through CACFP Inter-Lakes Day Care Center also sponsors family day care home providers who provide meals to children in their care.

Through partnership with the State of NH's Child Care Scholarship program (the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant), I-LDCC provides affordable tuition to all. Tuition assistance is based on income and family size and is available to parents who are employed, in school, enrolled in a job search program, or temporarily disabled.

Thank you again to the Town of Meredith for its ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Connie Pelletier
Executive Director



Supported Outside Agencies

New Hampshire Humane Society

Animals finding themselves within the town limits of Meredith can be assured a positive outcome thanks to the ongoing collaboration with the Town and the New Hampshire Humane Society. For any issue relative to animal welfare, whether it be a stray dog running loose, or a litter of abandoned kittens, a resident needing help with low cost spay neuter options, children enjoying our pet enrichment programs, or the elderly receiving pet therapy visits, we are the resource called upon and are honored to be an important part of the lives of Meredith constituents.

In 2016 our Board of Directors completed the strategic plan looking towards sustainability, and are actively engaged in board recruitment especially in the realm of legal counsel and veterinary advisers. New Hampshire Humane Society has a staff of 23 dedicated animal professionals. Nineteen part-time and four full-time staff provide all the care necessary for every animal who arrives at our door. Care and comfort, medical, emotional and behavioral rehabilitation happens 365 days of the year. Animal Control Officers and Law Enforcement have access to our facility 24 hours a day, every day, for strays or abandoned animals from the Town.

All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. We offer many programs to the residents of Meredith. Notably two spay/neuter options: 1) SNAP Spay Neuter Assistance Program for surgical sterilization of privately owned pets, and 2) our PAW Fund for those truly in financial straits. Application to both funds is easy and streamlined via our online portal www.nhhumane.org.



We operate a pet food pantry for those who need help feeding their pets since we recognize offering a helping hand keeps families together and avoids the wrenching decision to surrender a pet. We also provide cat litter if it is on hand. NHHS disbursed a combined total of dry kibble for both cats and dogs of **1,219 lbs** – a further **1,038** ounces of wet cat food was given to needy families in Meredith.

We offer education/outreach to students within the Meredith School System.

We provide Volunteer opportunities for all over the age of 16. Our Volunteers logged 11, 142 hours of service in 2016, a figure that grows annually.



NH Humane Society

Over a century of love for those without a voice.



Supported Outside Agencies

New Hampshire Humane Society

New Hampshire Humane Society has been an advocate for animals since 1900. We have blossomed from a shelter that was a holding facility for animals to a full service adoption agency. 1,297 creatures passed over the NHHS threshold in 2016. 43 animals or 3.3% were not placed due to terminal or contagious illnesses, 11 of this sad number simply could not be safely placed in the community. Conversely, our adoptions continue to climb, 1,022 animals placed in loving forever homes 2016.



We created and implemented interactive community programs, Cat Tails allows children not old enough to volunteer to spend time with our cats in the dedicated reading nook – and Puppy Love, families can visit and spend time with puppies, when we have them, thus providing socialization of this rambunctious outgoing pets and teaching children empathy and respect at the same time.

New too in 2016 in response to community need - our Safe Harbor Program – a short term solution for a much loved pet while the family deals with the human devastation associated with illness, hospitalization loss of home etc..

As a registered 501 (c) 3 charity, we are pledged to advocate for the animals we serve, speaking for those that cannot speak for themselves. NHHS is funded, and the mission only sustainable with public support. Funded 100% by donation, like minded animal stewards, local businesses, community allow us to continue these important services which of course, extend to the Town of Meredith.

Animal activity - 2016 - from the Town of Meredith is as follows:

22 Meredith families accessed our low cost Spay/Neuter programs a four-fold increase from last year

56 Pets were surrendered by 30 Meredith residents

54 Stray animals were received from the Town of Meredith

20 naughty dogs and **3** puppies running loose were claimed by their Meredith owners

40 Meredith families adopted from NHHS

1 dog was held in Rabies Quarantine

0 Cruelty cases

3 resident/elder care facilities received **36** visits by NHHS certified Therapy dogs

Respectfully submitted



Marylee Gorham, NHHS Executive Director
603-524-3252 x301, www.nhhumane.org

Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization created by Lakes Region communities per state law for the broad purpose of responding to and shaping the pressures of change in a meaningful way. The Commission offers direct and support services to help our communities meet tomorrow's challenges. Our services include technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning, and economic development. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

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Some of the services provided on behalf of the Town of Meredith and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

- Provided Geographic Information System (GIS) layers to Town including slopes, mountain peaks, and stratified drift aquifer
- Attended public scoping meeting for the Highway Safety Improvements Program project on NH104 Guided Meredith Transfer Station staff to Call2Recycle for battery recycling supplies
- Awarded resident with Community Service Award
- LRPC hosted a Water Infrastructure/Source Water Protection presentation with NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for Lakes Region Communities
- Hosted "Making Old Water Systems New Again" presentation featuring NHDES
- Preserved 40-year old future land use maps with lamination.
- Scanned hundreds of large-format maps to share with communities and post on website
- Assisted Lakes Region communities in developing and updating Hazard Mitigation Plans for acceptance by NH Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Handled over 21,000 gallons of Hazardous Substances from 2,145 Households in 24 Communities to safeguard the region's overall water quality and environment through coordination of the 28th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days
- Convened five regular Commission meetings and facilitated discussions on: Drinking Water Issues and Available Resources, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Process, Transportation Initiatives and Fixing Americas Surface Transportation Act (FAST act), Invasive Insects and the Health of our Trees, and NH Fish and Game's Wildlife Action Plan
- Continued to work with area economic development organizations and pursue relevant opportunities with the Economic Development Administration
- Prepared Lakes Tour Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan and continued working with the Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to conduct outreach to area organizations
- Provided transportation mapping services and technical land use assistance to our communities
- Conducted annual traffic counts at approximately 140 locations around the region, as well as, ten counts during Motorcycle Week and four municipal speed and volume counts for local law enforcement officials
- Responded to many municipal requests for transportation assistance including review of road design standards, corridor safety assessment, and development of educational materials such as the Bicycle and Pedestrian At-A-Glance
- Initiated regional assessment of transportation impact on water quality

Supported Outside Agencies

New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse

On behalf of New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Meredith for their support. Your 2016 allocation has enabled our agency to continue to provide trauma informed direct services including 24-hour crisis intervention, long term support and assistance, and outreach and education to people whose lives have been affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter with a food pantry and material goods; staffs a 24-hour crisis line; provides 24-hour advocacy at hospitals and police stations, court and social service advocacy; and offers non judgmental support and advocacy on a one to one basis, as well as, in peer support groups.

New Beginnings has programming for children and teens that have witnessed and experienced violence, including resiliency-based programs. Though we serve a small county, the need for services is great. We were able to do a Primary Prevention Programming in Meredith School system. We had advocates in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. In the fiscal year 2015-16, we provided services to 64 victims who live in Meredith. In total, the agency served 914 people, resulting in 16,685 individual services. We had 46 shelter guests. Volunteers donated 23,000 service hours.

New Beginnings also plays a significant role in the greater community. We run outreach activities and offer education programs to businesses, clubs, and groups. We also facilitate age-appropriate prevention programs for students in kindergarten through college, including topics such as conflict resolution, bullying, healthy relationships, and dating and sexual violence. We participate in many committees and commissions, including Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Council, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take stand against domestic and sexual violence in our country. New Beginnings works with law enforcement to Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) as well as, Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART).

We are 1 of 13 member programs of the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal grants and contracts that provide federal and state funding for member programs.

Sincerely,

Kathy Keller,
Executive Director

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603-528-6511



Vital Statistics

Births

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Father's/Partner's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
02/12/16	Bos, Lila Autumn	Bos, Eric	Bos, Ellen
03/22/16	Grier, Mia Grace	Grier, Michael	Grier, Anne
04/06/16	Paonessa, Madeline Mae	Paonessa, Benjamin	Paonessa, Mae
04/09/16	Rosario, Maddux Delrossi	Rosario, David	Rosario, Tricia
04/12/16	Condit, Leonidus Scott	Condit, Dustin	Dinan, Brittini
05/02/16	Mckee, Bill Lucas Wallace	Mckee, Bill	Wallace, Vanessa
05/02/16	Marceau, Alayna Akema	Marceau, Aaron	Marceau, Elizabeth
05/13/16	Woodall, Kathryn Margaret	Woodall, Randy	Woodall, Jessica
05/18/16	Stanford, Piper Mary	Stanford, Timothy	Stanford, Carly
06/15/16	Woodard, Ava Marie	Woodard, Michael	Dubois, Kaitlyn
06/16/16	Stewart, Liam-Thomas Robert	Stewart II, Thomas	Mitchell, Kayla
06/29/16	Whiting, Malia Elizabeth Nichole		Whiting, Kaya
07/02/16	Bickford, Emersyn Marie Rose	Bickford, Corey	Bickford, Michelle
07/15/16	Kenney, Declan John	Kenney, Patrick	Alger, Linsey
07/27/16	Corts, Noah Alexander	Corts, Alexander	Corts, Stephanie
07/27/16	Bresse, Lucas John	Bresse, John	Patten, Maria
07/28/16	Kennedy, Stella Rose	Kennedy, Sean	Kennedy, Christina
08/12/16	Swartwood, Rory Christine	Swartwood, Jacobe	Swartwood, Jessica
08/24/16	Mansur, Roanin Aaron	Mansur, Jared	Mansur, Jessica
09/14/16	Bernard, Carter Henri	Bernard, Christopher	Bernard, Jocelyn
09/15/16	Canete, Jaden Maca	Canete, Jade	Canete, Alma
09/17/16	Robinson IV, William James	Robinson III, William	Duso, Mary
09/27/16	Frimodig, Hannah Michaela	Frimodig, Jonathan	Frimodig, Samantha
10/02/16	Weeks, James Russell	Weeks, Andrew	Weeks, June
10/09/16	Rugg, Kenai Lawrence	Rugg, David	Rugg, Rachel
11/12/16	Easson, Lucian Ambrose	Easson, Che	Haudenschild, Heather
12/14/16	Dubois, Hunter Alan		Dubois, Cheyenne

Vital Statistics

Marriages

<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Person A's</i>		<i>Person B's</i>	
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
06/17/16	Poire, Jeremy W	Gilmanton Iron Works, NH	Randall, Christine E	Meredith, NH
06/18/16	Young, Jeremy A	Meredith, NH	Carpenter, Lauren E	Meredith, NH
07/02/16	Taggett, Joshua W	Meredith, NH	Bureau, Brandi N	Meredith, NH
07/23/16	Pierce, Brian T	Meredith, NH	O'Connor, Cristina L	Meredith, NH
08/06/16	Medeiros, John C	Meredith, NH	McAdam, Michelle M	Meredith, NH
08/06/16	Faller, David M	Meredith, NH	Beaudet, Blair K	Meredith, NH
08/06/16	King, Kelly J	Meredith, NH	Erkenbrack, John P	Vass, NC
08/06/16	Howie, Tyler S	Meredith, NH	Mitchell, Amber A	Meredith, NH
08/20/16	Raymond, Thomas H	Meredith, NH	Fink, Maleia C	Meredith, NH
08/21/16	Locke, Roy S	Meredith, NH	House, Donna L	Meredith, NH
08/27/16	Gallagher, Benjamin M	Meredith, NH	Baiocchetti, Ashley M	Meredith, NH
09/03/16	Bonner, Paul R	Meredith, NH	Van De Water, Rebecca A	Meredith, NH
09/18/16	Leblanc, Aaron K	Meredith, NH	Matthew, Alyce A	Meredith, NH
10/01/16	Thomas, Wesley, J	Meredith, NH	Ames, Brandy, S	Meredith, NH
10/08/16	Governanti, Vincenzo	Meredith, NH	Gilson, Ami, C	Meredith, NH
10/21/16	Stewart II, Thomas, A	Meredith, NH	Mitchell, Kayla A	Meredith, NH



Vital Statistics

Deaths

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
01/09/16	Durnan Sr, Vincent	Laconia	Durnan, Walter	Hickey, Rose
01/12/16	Ash, Richard	Meredith	Ash, Dana	Wright, Emma
01/12/16	Mahoney, Mary	Meredith	Pindulic, Thomas	Jederlinic, Helen
01/15/16	Goryan, Arnold	Laconia	Goryan, Stanley	Deveau, Carol
01/16/16	Fournier, Pauline	Meredith	Juneau, Laurent	Macmichael, Hazel
01/22/16	Levin, Jane	Meredith	Clermont, Joseph	Repenhaggen, Helen
02/05/16	Murphy Jr., William	Meredith	Murphy, William	Brown, Kathryn
02/08/16	Wade, Tyler	North Conway	Wade, Charles	Stone, Dawn
02/10/16	Taylor, Katherine	Meredith	Wardwell, Virgil	Darling, Gladys
02/12/16	Hallgren Jr., Joseph	Laconia	Hallgren Sr., Joseph	O'Leary, Rose
02/15/16	Blanchard, Gladys	Meredith	Reese, H Crawford	Dagenhart, Maggie
02/16/16	Scotto, Josephine	Laconia	Alessi, Benny	Corallo, Jennie
03/01/16	Rebsamen, Gertraud	Laconia	Weber, Fredericke	Struchtemeier, Reinhold
03/01/16	Chase Jr., Carl	Meredith	Chase Sr., Carl	Watson, Marion
03/02/16	Horn, Irene	Meredith	McManus, Arnold	Goess, Elsie
03/10/16	Nevens, Doris	Laconia	Briden, Arthur	Millard, Dorothy
03/13/16	Evans, Susan	Meredith	Crowe, Walter	Lansdowne, Margaret
03/13/16	Mathieu, Arlene	Laconia	Cort, Kenneth	Ximiness, Norma
03/16/16	Whittier, Barbara	Meredith	Nichols, Clyde	Hamm, Florence
03/16/16	Francis, Barbara	Meredith	Bennett, Gordon	Richards, Pauline
03/20/16	Blanchette, Georgianna	Laconia	Ahem, Frederick	Verette, Georgianna
03/21/16	Morrill, Arthur	Laconia	Morrill, Austin	Daigneau, Rosema
03/22/16	Philippy, Matilda	Meredith	Defreitas, Frederick	Rodriques, Gabrielle
03/23/16	Dole, Christine	Meredith	Womack, Clarence	Hand, Dosha
03/31/16	O'Mara, Denis	Meredith	O'Mara, Arnold	Bergeron, Diana
04/04/16	O'Donnell, Isabel	Laconia	Gorton, Robert	Snadden, Isabel
04/06/16	Meehan, Helen	Meredith	Hayes, Edward	Horan, Catherine
04/09/16	Rosario, Maddux	Laconia	Rosario, David	Delrossi, Tricia
04/10/16	Hayes, Mary	Meredith	Lobacki, Joseph	Slovik, Victoria
04/14/16	Thorne, Marjorie	Meredith	Nelson, Jacob	Wakefield, Lanora

Vital Statistics

Deaths continued...

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
04/21/16	Bunker, Robert	Meredith	Bunker, Sidney	Sutton, Ethel
04/22/16	Anderson, Paul	Laconia	Anderson, Arthur	Mcgaukey, Easter
04/22/16	Gilchrist, Janet	Meredith	Graveli, John	Unknown, Vertina
05/14/16	Trefrey, Cynthia	Meredith	Jalbert, Gerard	Bolduc, Rachel
05/16/16	Doyle, Mary	Meredith	Doyle, Edward	Murphy, Bridget
05/24/16	Mcallister, Gerrienne	Lebanon	Hogle, Gerald	Turgeon, Yvonne
05/25/16	Engelhardt, Jennifer	Meredith	Hough, Leonard	King, Laurie
05/26/16	Forts, Ann	Meredith	Forts, Bernard	Gaulin, Shirley
05/28/16	Coleman, Eleanor	Meredith	Dunlevy, William	Maclean, Ellen
06/01/16	Whiteley, Ruth	Laconia	Astbury, John	Storer, Grace
06/01/16	Tate, Harold	Meredith	Tate, Harold	Reilly, Marguerite
06/07/16	Collette, Priscilla	Candia	Begin, Wilfred	Treadwell, Marion
06/19/16	Frizzle, Shirley	Meredith	Richardson, Iber	Maxwell, Bernice
06/28/16	Purpel, Ruth	Meredith	Dinerstein, Samuel	Johnson, Anna
07/04/16	Parker, Margaret	Meredith	Thimmer, Peter	Morse, Dorothy
07/10/16	Hawkins, Virginia	Meredith	Ide, Vivian	Davis, Eva
07/11/16	Angle, Georgia	Meredith	Nichols, George	Harberts, Gladys
07/19/16	Mason, Dean	Meredith	Mason, William	Gregory, Kathleen
07/20/16	O'Rourke, Dorothy	Meredith	De Guida, Vincent	Dalton, Kathryn
07/25/16	Babylon, Marilyn	Rochester	Pilla, Domenic	Petti, Celeste
07/26/16	Kozlowski, John	Meredith	Kozlowski Sr, Francis	Corkery, Mary
07/27/16	Avery, Rodney	Meredith	Avery, Ernest	Mcclary, Phyllis
07/30/16	Rhodes, Elizabeth	Franklin	Atkinson, Frank	Thompson, Edith
08/03/16	Hurley, Maurice	Meredith	Hurley, Maurice	Powers, Gertrude
08/24/16	Barnum, Mary	Meredith	Ainsworth, Forrester	Brown, Mary
08/30/16	Andrews, Robert	Meredith	Andrews, Lincoln	Lowey, Ann
09/03/16	Kloetz, Jutta	Lebanon	Holfeier, Joseph	Pfeil, Melanie
09/07/16	LeCount, Robert	Meredith	Lecount, William	Ames, Elizabeth
09/07/16	Cote, Stephanie	Meredith	Cote, Kenneth	Begley, Nicole
09/10/16	Kelley, Marjorie	Laconia	White, Frederick	Mitchell, Florence
09/24/16	Lamere, Alice	Meredith	Lamere, Lee	Laplante, Mary

Vital Statistics

Deaths continued...

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
10/01/16	Taggart, Virginia	Meredith	Cammett, Sherman	Osgood, Celia
10/11/16	Roche, Stephen	Meredith	Roche, William	Jones, Maude
10/12/16	Savramis, George	Meredith	Savramis, Steven	Banos, Annie
10/13/16	Gilcreast, Gloria	Meredith	Buker, Floyd	Mitchell, Karene
10/16/16	Banks, Frank	Meredith	Banks, Joseph	Gibbons, Ruth
10/27/16	Lamb, Christine	Meredith	Heintzelman, Malcolm	Pratt, Elizabeth
10/28/16	Christiansen Jr, Joseph	Laconia	Christiansen, Joseph	Martin, Anne
10/29/16	Vazifdar, Jehangir	Lebanon	Vazifdar, Sohrad	Wadia, Mary
11/8/16	Therrien, Fernande	Meredith	Lassalle, Albert	Bedard, Marie
11/10/16	Moore, Myrtle	Wolfeboro	Stacy, Nathan	Ames, Gladys
11/30/16	Losciuto, Nancy	Meredith	Abbott, Reginald	Powell, Susannah
12/02/16	Bolduc, Allan	Meredith	Bolduc, Omer	Dunn, Pauline
12/06/16	Trevor Jr, Frederick	Meredith	Trevor Sr, Federick	Mosley, Blanche
12/10/16	Moriarty, Patricia	Lebanon	Baldi II, Lawrence	Hawkins, Charlotte
12/15/16	Mcguigan, Marie	Wolfeboro	McGuigan Jr, Theodore	Martin, Marion
12/19/16	Muzzey, Robert	Laconia	Muzzey, Victor	Carr, Helen
12/22/16	Jones Jr, Charles	Laconia	Jones Sr, Charles	Boutote, Blanche
12/22/16	Archer, Helen	Meredith	Dohrety, William	Ferry, Helen
12/28/16	Causky, Fay	Meredith	Richardson, Garland	Baker, Savannah
12/30/16	Boucher, Roland	Meredith	Boucher, Joseph	Morrisette, Marie-Anne



Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary		Account	
				Fund Types		Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long- Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)	
Assets & Other Debts							
Assets							
Cash & Equivalents	\$11,444,250	\$ 3,037,775	\$ 37,977	\$ 1,340,410	\$	\$	15,860,412
Investments			138,223	1,027,842			1,166,065
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)							
Taxes	1,834,643						1,834,643
Accounts		120,494		316,422			436,916
Special Assessments-Current	2,558						2,558
Special Assessments-Noncurrent							
Other	40,000						40,000
Interfund Receivable	496,953						496,953
Intergovernmental Receivable							
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	57,420						57,420
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(57,420)						(57,420)
Other Debits							
Compensated Absences					417,357		417,357
Amount to be provided for Retirement of							
General Long-Term Debt					3,895,544		3,895,544
Total Assets & Other Debits	\$13,818,404	\$ 3,158,269	\$ 176,200	\$ 2,684,674	\$ 4,312,901	\$	24,150,448

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

Liabilities & Equity	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 39,714	\$ 75,710	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,424
Retainage Payable						7,804,925
Intergovernmental Payable	7,804,925					1,808,734
Interfund Payable	1,808,734			144,514		144,514
Escrow & Performance Deposits						819,540
Deferred Revenue		819,540		316,422		316,422
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable					3,895,544	3,895,544
General Obligation Debt Payable					417,357	417,357
Compensated Absences Payable						
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,653,373	\$ 895,250	\$	\$ 460,936	\$ 4,312,901	\$ 15,322,460
Equity						
Fund Balances						
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 296,397	\$ 331,480	\$	\$	\$	\$ 627,877
Reserved for Special Purposes	850,266	179,141	176,200	2,223,738		3,429,344
Reserved for Capital Recovery		460,000				460,000
Unreserved						
Designated for Special Purposes						
Undesignated (Deficit)	3,018,368	1,292,398				4,310,766
Total Equity	4,165,031	2,263,018	176,200	2,223,738		8,827,988
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 13,818,404	\$ 3,158,269	\$ 176,200	\$ 2,684,674	\$ 4,312,901	\$ 24,150,448

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	Cable Franchise Revolving Fund	Boat Launch Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
ASSETS							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 13,123	\$ 176,602	\$ 74,546	\$ 65,180	\$ 1,270,596	\$ 1,437,727	\$ 3,037,775
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables)							
Accounts					50,794	69,700	120,494
Interfund Receivable							
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 13,123	\$ 176,602	\$ 74,546	\$ 65,180	\$ 1,321,390	\$ 1,507,427	\$ 3,158,269
LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$	\$		\$	\$ 1,100	\$ 74,610	\$ 75,710
Deferred Rev.- Access Fees					296,262	523,278	819,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	\$		\$	\$ 297,362	\$ 597,888	\$ 895,250
<u>Equity</u>							
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 76,076	\$ 255,404	\$ 331,480
Reserved for Special Purposes	13,123	26,291	74,546	65,180			179,141
Reserved for Capital Recovery					460,000		460,000
<u>Unreserved</u>							
Unreserved/Undesignated		150,311			487,952	654,135	1,292,398
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 13,123	\$ 176,602	\$ 74,546	\$ 65,180	\$ 1,024,028	\$ 909,539	\$ 2,263,019
TOTAL	\$ 13,123	\$ 176,602	\$ 74,546	\$ 65,180	\$ 1,321,390	\$ 1,507,427	\$ 3,158,269
LIABILITIES & EQUITY							

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Community Center	Landfill Closure	Total
Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 7,230	\$ 30,747	\$ 37,977
Investments	138,223		138,223
Interfund Receivable			
Total Assets	<u>\$ 145,453</u>	<u>\$ 30,747</u>	<u>\$ 176,200</u>
Liabilities & Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$
Due to General Fund			
Retainage Payable			
Total Liabilities	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Fund Balances			
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$
Reserve for Special Purposes	145,453	30,747	176,200
Unreserved			
Undesignated (Deficit)			
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 145,453</u>	<u>\$ 30,747</u>	<u>\$ 176,200</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>\$ 145,453</u>	<u>\$ 30,747</u>	<u>\$ 176,200</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds					
	Expendable			Nonexpendable		
	Library	Capital Reserve	Others	Town	Library	Agency Funds
ASSETS						
Cash & Equivalents	\$.	\$ 7,919	\$ 1,182,008	\$ 5,969	\$.	\$ 144,514
Investments	94,515			100,928	832,399	
Receivables						
Interest						
Accounts						
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 94,515	\$ 7,919	\$ 1,182,008	\$ 106,897	\$ 832,399	\$ 144,514
						316,422
						\$ 2,684,674
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities						
Interfund Payable						
Escrow and Performance Deposits						144,514
Deferred Comp. Benefits Payable						316,422
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$ 460,936
Fund Balances						
Reserved For Endowments						
Reserved For Special Purposes	94,515	7,919	1,182,008	106,897	832,399	2,223,738
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	94,515	7,919	1,182,008	106,897	832,399	2,223,738
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 94,515	\$ 7,919	\$ 1,182,008	\$ 106,897	\$ 832,399	\$ 2,684,674

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Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

	Balance 1/1/2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2016
Developers' Performance Bond Fund				
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 146,614	\$ 25,736	\$ 27,836	\$ 144,514
Liabilities				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 146,614	\$ 25,736	\$ 27,836	\$ 144,514
ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan				
Assets				
Due from Others	\$ 306,910	\$ 9,512		\$ 316,422
Liabilities				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 306,910	\$ 9,512		\$ 316,422
Total - All Agency Funds				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 146,614	\$ 25,736	\$ 27,836	\$ 144,514
Due from Others	306,910	9,512		316,422
Total Assets	\$ 453,524	\$ 35,249	\$ 27,836	\$ 460,936
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 146,614	\$ 25,736	\$ 27,836	\$ 144,514
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	306,910	9,512		316,422
Total Liabilities	\$ 453,524	\$ 35,249	\$ 27,836	\$ 460,936

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds- *Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)*

Non-Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning Balance 1/1/2016	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2016
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,627	\$	\$	\$ 26	\$ 2,652
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	74,564			732	75,296
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	299			3	302
Edwin E. Beede	Library	93,595			921	94,515
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	4,476			44	4,520
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	689			7	696
William E. Bixby	Library	150			1	151
Hattie R. Erskine	Library Clock	293			6	299
George S. Fogg	School District	3,156			32	3,188
Town Cemetery	General	7,416			75	7,490
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	758			7	766
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	11,423			112	11,536
Total All Non-Expendable Trusts		\$ 199,446	\$	\$	\$ 1,965	\$ 201,412

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning	Total	Total	Period	Ending
		Balance 1/1/2016	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	Balance 12/31/2016
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 20,269	\$	\$	\$ 199	\$ 20,475
Carleton Fund	Conservation		11,062		105	11,167
Employee Benefits	Severance	186,627			1,014	187,641
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	50,860			276	51,136
Municipal Building	Additional Space	176			1	177
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	50,554	60,000		373	110,927
Fire Department	Communications	1,113			6	1,119
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	155	100,000	9,452	197	90,900
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	61,468			334	61,802
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	39,191			213	39,404
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	95,185			517	95,702
Meredith Parking	Parking	222,104			1,257	223,361
Ground Water Source Study	Water Study	3,224			18	3,242
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	50,450			274	50,724
Parks & Recreation Facility Im-	Infrastructure Improve	8				8
Water Systems Improvement Trust	Infrastructure Improve	232,959			1,266	234,224
DPW Equipment Replacement	Replace DPW Equip.	377	300,000	301,198	821	0
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 1,014,726</u>	<u>\$ 471,062</u>	<u>\$ 310,649</u>	<u>\$ 6,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,008</u>
School - SPED	Special Education	150,415			708	151,123
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	51				51
Total All Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 1,165,192</u>	<u>\$ 471,062</u>	<u>\$ 310,649</u>	<u>\$ 7,578</u>	<u>\$ 1,333,183</u>

Capital Reserves

	Beginning	Total	Total	Period	Ending
	Balance 1/1/2016	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	Balance 12/31/2016
Police	\$ 2,791	\$	\$	\$ 9	\$ 2,800
Prescott Park Expansion	5,102			17	5,119
School Facilities Maintenance Fund	435,090	75,000		1,458	511,548
Total All Capital Reserves:	<u>\$ 442,983</u>	<u>\$ 75,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,484</u>	<u>\$ 519,467</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2016 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/16
General Obligation Debt Payable					
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	\$ 242,141
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 1,575,000
2010 Fire Station Bond	\$ 2,292,882	2010	2019	3.800%	\$ 622,762
2010 Page Pond Conservation	\$ 400,000	2010	2018	3.800%	\$ 69,811
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,007,150	2012	2027	2.485%	\$ 778,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2016					<u>\$ 3,287,714</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 540,046	\$ 128,286	\$ 668,332
2018	\$ 533,228	\$ 107,322	\$ 640,550
2019	\$ 441,729	\$ 87,608	\$ 529,338
2020	\$ 280,022	\$ 73,831	\$ 353,853
2021-2027	\$ 1,492,689	\$ 210,782	\$ 1,703,471
Totals	<u>\$ 3,287,714</u>	<u>\$ 607,829</u>	<u>\$ 3,895,544</u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits	<u>\$ 417,357</u>
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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 27,354,455	\$ 27,354,455	\$ -
Village District	6,000	6,020	20
Yield	14,500	16,248	1,928
Boat	28,000	28,382	382
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	129,115	129,115	
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	214,068	204,488	(9,580)
Total Taxes	<u>\$ 27,746,138</u>	<u>\$ 27,738,888</u>	<u>\$ (7,250)</u>
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,400,000	1,495,393	95,393
Building Permits	33,500	38,549	5,049
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	67,550	63,979	(3,571)
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>\$ 1,501,050</u>	<u>\$ 1,597,921</u>	<u>\$ 96,871</u>
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State/Federal			
Highway Block Grant	212,242	212,242	
Rooms & Meals Tax	325,304	325,304	
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	129		(129)
Other State/Federal Revenue	46,440	41,617	(4,823)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>\$ 584,115</u>	<u>\$ 579,163</u>	<u>\$ (4,952)</u>
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	<u>\$ 732,792</u>	<u>\$ 809,395</u>	<u>\$ 76,603</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	11,155	23,571	12,416
Interest on Investments	30,000	31,274	1,274
Betterment Assessments & Other	3,000	3,013	13
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>\$ 44,155</u>	<u>\$ 57,858</u>	<u>\$ 13,703</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Enterprise Funds	121,918	121,917	(1)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 121,918</u>	<u>\$ 121,917</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance	62,500	62,500	
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	<u>\$ 750,000</u>	<u>\$ 750,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 31,542,668</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,717,642</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 174,974</u></u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures - General Fund

	2015	2016	2016	2017	Balance
	Encumbered	Appropriation	Expended	Encumbered	(Overdrafts)
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive Office	\$	\$ 203,341	\$ 200,124	\$ -	\$ 3,217
Executive - Municipal Administration	78,916	1,141,104	1,201,104	28,167	(9,251)
Personnel Administration		2,147,442	2,144,706		2,736
Town Clerk	1,100	124,262	110,348	2,166	12,848
Administrative Services	32,500	325,219	356,281	6,675	(5,237)
Assessor		185,961	176,152		9,809
Tax Collector		51,039	44,372		6,667
Community Development		324,955	321,424		3,531
Regional Associations		244,750	241,858		2,892
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police	4,138	1,287,553	1,290,284	12,922	(11,515)
Ambulance		298,157	292,724		5,433
Fire	9,207	287,429	293,553	2,378	705
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid		82,664	82,620		44
<u>Public Works</u>					
Solid Waste Disposal	5,423	927,598	923,600		9,421
Building & Grounds	1,295	233,150	232,759	519	1,167
Cemetery		62,919	62,702		217
Highway Department	48,423	2,140,888	2,055,392	167,708	(33,790)
<u>Water Distribution</u>					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		
<u>Welfare</u>					
General Assistance		115,000	98,894		16,106
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation	6,340	598,703	597,806	2,881	4,355
Library	31,400	423,212	438,112	16,500	
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		661,725	662,207		(482)
Interest - Long-Term Debt		152,009	148,705		3,304
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000			10,000
<u>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</u>					
Conservation Commission		15,000	15,000		
Capital Projects	178,097	62,500	6,020	56,480	178,097
Expendable Trust Funds		460,000	460,000		
<u>Total Appropriations-General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 396,838</u>	<u>\$ 12,635,580</u>	<u>\$ 12,525,747</u>	<u>\$ 296,397</u>	<u>\$ 210,275</u>
<u>Intergovernmental</u>					
Water/ Sewer Appropriation	\$ 114,825	\$ 1,595,763	\$ 1,469,224	\$ 331,480	\$ (90,116)
School Appropriation		16,354,925	16,354,925		
County Appropriation		2,353,925	2,353,925		
Village District Appropriation		6,000	6,000		
<u>Total Appropriations and Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 511,663</u>	<u>\$ 32,946,193</u>	<u>\$ 32,709,821</u>	<u>\$ 627,876</u>	<u>\$ 120,158</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

Treasurer's Account Summary

Reconciliation of Pooled Cash		
Fund No.	Fund Name	Balance
1	General	\$ 11,444,249.79
2	Water	\$ 1,221,648.13
3	Sewer	\$ 1,437,771.44
5	Conservation Commission	\$ 176,602.03
7	Cable Franchise	\$ 75,479.25
10	Community Center	\$ 7,230.29
15	Landfill	\$ 30,746.61
16	Boat Launch	\$ 65,180.00
17	Engineering	\$ 144,514.21
	Subtotal of Other Fund Cash Accounts	\$ 3,159,171.96
	Total Cash	\$ 14,603,421.75
Summary by Account		
	Payroll Account	\$
	Accounts Payable	\$
	Operating Account	\$ 14,442,918.26
	Debit Cards	\$ 15,000.00
	Baby Bicentennial	\$ 89.28
	Engineering	\$ 144,514.21
	Cloud Account	\$
	Petty Cash	\$ 900.00
	Total	\$ 14,603,421.75
	Pooled Cash Adjustments	\$ (3,159,171.96)
	General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$ 11,444,249.79

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

Fiscal Year 2016

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$	3,473,236
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Deductions

Amount used to reduce 2016 Taxes		(750,000)
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Additions:

Revenue Surplus	174,974	
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Unexpended Appropriations	<u>\$ 120,158</u>	<u>\$ 295,132</u>
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,018,368</u>
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Fiscal Year 2017 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2017 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	3,018,368
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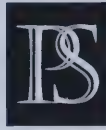
Deductions - Proposed

Amount to be used to reduce 2017 taxes		<u>(750,000)</u>
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,268,368</u>
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Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Independent Auditor's Report

Town of Meredith *Independent Auditor's Report*

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and the budgetary comparison information for the general fund for the year ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for the placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

Required Supplementary Information - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 29) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information - Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Meredith's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing the reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

February 11, 2016

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Several Sculptures from the 3rd Annual Meredith Sculpture Walk 2016-2017. For more sculptures go to www.greatermeredithprogram.com.



Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2016 Levy</u>	<u>2015 Levy</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-16		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 1,146,091.80
Yield Taxes		
Betterment Assessments		2,073.21
Water Rents		25,564.72
Sewer Rents		40,097.02
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	27,385,612.41	
Maple Ridge Village District	6,020.06	
Yield Taxes		15,976.32
Betterment Assessments	3,001.65	
Land Use Change Taxes	19,500.00	
Water Rents	546,372.23	154,774.47
Sewer Rents	779,590.88	238,386.36
Refunds for Overpayments		
Property Taxes	29,935.77	
Water Rents	69.32	177.48
Sewer Rents	92.76	
Interest	16,377.14	59,357.00
Total Debits	<u>\$ 28,786,572.22</u>	<u>\$ 1,682,498.40</u>
<u>Credits</u>		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 26,501,099.26	\$ 1,146,053.98
Maple Ridge Village District	5,725.73	
Yield Taxes		14,807.98
Betterment Assessments	443.38	2,073.21
Land Use Change Taxes	19,500.00	
Water Rents	513,687.20	180,339.21
Sewer Rents	732,220.18	276,590.60
Interest	16,377.14	59,357.00
Abatements		
Property Taxes	656.95	37.82
Water Rents	1,592.10	177.48
Sewer Rents	2,227.28	1,892.78
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-16		
Property Taxes	913,791.97	
Maple Ridge Village District	294.33	
Betterment Assessments	2,558.27	
Yield Taxes		1,168.34
Water Rents	31,162.25	
Sewer Rents	45,236.18	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 28,786,572.22</u>	<u>\$ 1,682,498.40</u>

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

Debits	2015	2014	2013	Prior
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-16	\$	\$ 300,929.83	\$ 185,845.59	\$ 27,577.52
Liens Executed During 2016	433,938.47	385.39		
Interest & Costs after Lien	8,008.79	27,052.27	65,532.26	5,151.73
Total Debits	<u>\$ 441,947.26</u>	<u>\$ 328,367.49</u>	<u>\$ 251,377.85</u>	<u>\$ 32,729.25</u>
Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 142,010.30	\$ 129,130.16	\$ 167,400.22	\$ 8,647.52
Interest & Costs after Lien	8,008.79	27,052.27	65,532.26	5,151.73
Abatements of...				
Unredeemed Taxes	40.32			
Liens Deeded to the Town...		1,644.32	1,610.72	1,291.30
Unredeemed Liens	291,887.85	170,540.74	16,834.65	17,638.70
Total Credits	<u>\$ 441,947.26</u>	<u>\$ 328,367.49</u>	<u>\$ 251,377.85</u>	<u>\$ 32,729.25</u>

Tax Collector's Report

There have been several personnel changes in the Town Office this year. Stacy Bivolcic has transferred to the Town Clerk's office. She will be assisting you with motor vehicle registrations and vital records. I am working part-time in the Tax Collector's office through the transition and look forward to seeing you all again. Stacy will collect payments for the tax office when I am not available.

The Town of Meredith accepts on-line payments for property taxes, utility bills, and automobile renewal registrations. Visit our website www.meredithnh.org and click on the payment link on the Home Page. Debit and credit cards cannot be accepted at the municipal offices.

The Town is no longer using a lockbox service to process payments. If you are paying through on-line bill pay through your checking account, please update the mailing address to 41 Main Street, Meredith, NH 03253.

I have missed working in the Tax Collector's office and am happy to be back part-time. If you need assistance or answers to tax questions, please contact me at (603) 677-4202 or e-mail me at vfogg@meredithnh.org.



Vikki Fogg
Deputy Tax Collector

Tax Information

Department of Revenue Administration - 2016 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Accounting Overview	Appropriation	Revenue	Tax Rate
Total Appropriation	\$ 14,231,343.00		
Less: Net Revenues (not including Fund Balance)		\$ (4,965,476.00)	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$ (62,500.00)	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$ (500,000.00)	
War Service Credits	\$ 210,500.00		
Actual Overlay Used	\$ 46,949.00		
Net Required Local Tax Effort		\$ 8,960,816.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$ 5.06

County Apportionment			
Net County Apportionment	\$ 2,353,925.00	\$	
Net required County Tax Effort		\$ 2,353,925.00	
County Tax Rate			\$ 1.33

Education			
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$ 16,503,604.00		
Net Education Grant		\$ (227,071.00)	
Locally Retained State Education Tax		\$ (4,301,613.00)	
Not Required Local Education Tax Effort		\$ 11,974,920.00	\$ 6.76
State Education Tax	\$ 4,301,613.00		
Net Required State Education Tax Effort		\$ 4,301,613.00	\$ 2.44
School Tax Rate			\$ 9.20
Combined Municipal, School and County Tax Rate			\$ 15.59

Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$ 27,591,274.00
Village District Tax Effort	\$ 6,020.00
Less: War Service Credits	\$ (210,500.00)
Total Property Tax Commitment	<u>\$ 27,386,794.00</u>

Valuation

<u>Municipal (MS-1)</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation with Utilities	\$ 1,771,154,645.00	\$ 13.15	\$ 23,289,661.00
Net Assessed Valuation without Utilities	\$ 1,762,537,045.00	\$ 2.44	\$ 4,301,613.00

<u>Village (MS-1V)</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Maple Ridge Road Village	\$ 2,090,300.00	2.88	\$ 6,020.00
Less War Service Credits			\$ (210,500.00)
Proof of Rate			<u>\$ 27,386,794.00</u>

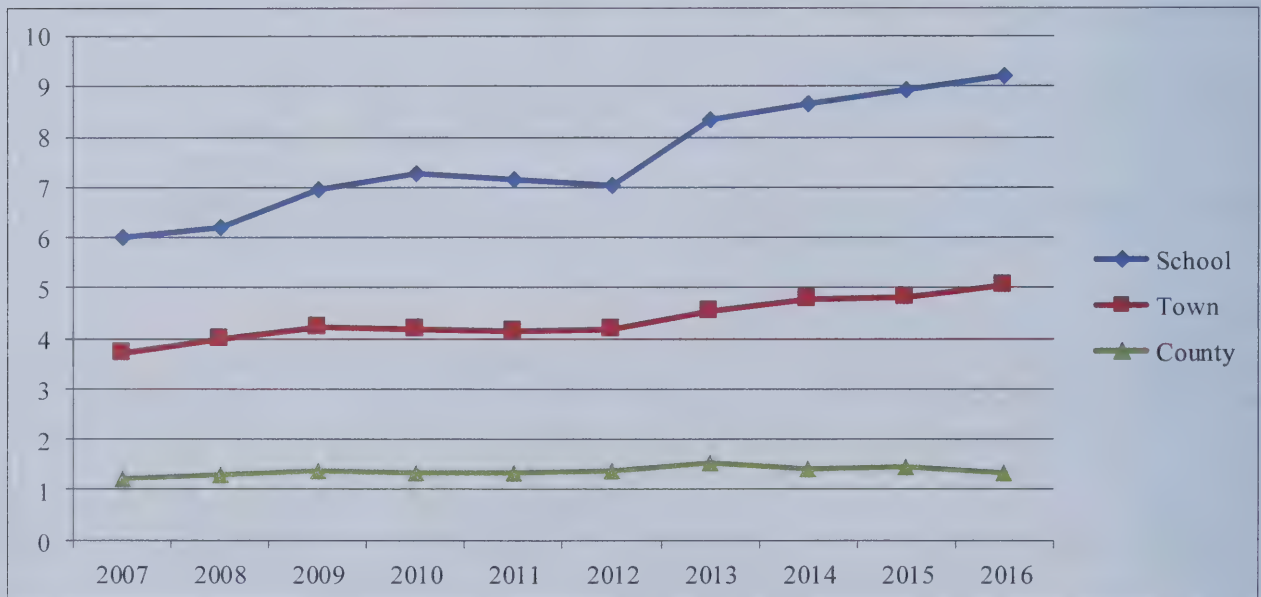
Tax Information

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
2007	6.01	3.70	1.20	10.91	1,918,269,293
2008	6.19	3.97	1.30	11.46	1,940,881,763
2009	6.94	4.23	1.37	12.54	1,820,649,639
2010	7.27	4.20	1.33	12.80	1,834,675,812
2011	7.17	4.13	1.32	12.62	1,845,422,650
2012	7.05	4.20	1.37	12.62	1,856,317,320
2013	8.35	4.55	1.51	14.41	1,741,033,913
2014	8.65	4.77	1.41	14.83	1,745,511,622
2015	8.94	4.81	1.45	15.20	1,758,060,047
2016	9.20	5.06	1.33	15.59	1,771,154,645

Chart shows Ten Year's of Tax Rate Comparison's

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation



Supplementary Information

Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$	672,516
Residential		819,833,826
Commercial / Industrial		<u>51,754,374</u>

Total Value of Land	\$	872,260,716
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Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$	790,710,154
Manufactured Housing		7,590,000
Commercial / Industrial		<u>94,689,532</u>

Total Value of Buildings	\$	892,989,686
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Public Utilities

Electric	\$	8,617,600
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$	<u>1,773,868,002</u>
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Exemptions

Blind	\$	134,800
Elderly		1,172,500
Totally & Permanently Disabled		972,500
Solar / Wind Power		<u>433,557</u>

Total Exemptions	\$	<u>2,713,357</u>
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Net Taxable Valuation	\$	<u><u>1,771,154,645</u></u>
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Supplementary Information

Summary of Town - Owned Property - Facilities

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
I02-021	0.07	1 Bear Island	Post Office, Dock
R08-047	0.29	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
R08-048	0.92	101 Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
S15-008	28.80	400 Daniel Webster Hwy	Police Station
S15-008		11 Jenness Hill Road	Public Works Garage
S15-008		17 Jenness Hill Road	Solid Waste / Recycling Center
S17-007A	0.00	22 Sunset Hill Road	Water Tower
S17-018R-001	0.00	132 Upper Mile Point Drive	Booster Station
S23-021	0.36	30 Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U02-040	0.26	21 Lower Ladd Hill Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U03-028A	0.21	70 Waukegan Street	Sewer Pump Station
U03-028A		72 Waukegan Street	Bath House
U03-030	0.44	69 Waukegan Street	Waukegan Town Beach
U05-001A	0.07	Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-001B	0.51	50 Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.17	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.26	7 High Street	Parking Lot
U06-059	0.57	91 Main Street	Library
U06-063	0.16	6 Water Street	Parking Lot
U06-112	0.51	286 Daniel Webster Hwy	Fire Station
U06-117C	0.27	Lang Street	Swasey Cemetery
U06-145	0.04	291 Daniel Webster Hwy	Town Docks
U07-043	0.14	5 Highland Street	Town Hall Annex
U07-044	0.15	41 Main Street	Town Hall
U07-086A	0.02	Daniel Webster Hwy	Utility Right-of-Way
U07-088	0.36	326 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot
U07-107	0.17	327 Daniel Webster Hwy	Sewer Pump Station
U07-108	0.92	323 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot
U10-017	0.29	17 Philbrook Avenue	Sewer Pump Station
U10-034	16.00	347 Daniel Webster Hwy	Public Works Office, Prime Wetlands
U11-050	3.68	1 Circle Drive	Community Center
U11-067	0.38	Kelly Lane	Fire Pond
U11-071	19.00	379 Daniel Webster Hwy	Meredith Village Cemetery
U12-004	0.23	Philbrook Avenue	Road Turnaround
U15-027	0.07	Morrison Avenue	Road Turnaround
U33-015A	1.55	57 Cattle Landing Road	Parking Lot, Right-of-Way
U33-025	0.41	58 Cattle Landing Road	Docks, Right-of-Way
U35-010	1.02	30 Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp, Docks, Parking Lot

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town-Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
R08-014	1.60	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.88	151 Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.25	Lake Wicwas/Mercier Drive	Peninsula
R13-006	3.20	Lake Wicwas	Dolloff Point Island
R13-007	5.50	Lake Wicwas	Big Pine Island
R14-001	305.58	Chemung Road	Hamlin Town Forest
R14-028	2.02	Chemung Road	Pickering Park
R14-029	1.00	113 Chemung Road	Wicwas Boat Launch, Pickering Park
R17-035	2.50	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R17-036	5.06	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R18-009A	188.00	Tucker Mountain Road	Conservation/Eames Forest
R21-008	12.00	Lake Pemigewassett	Waterfront - Wetlands/Loon Preserve
R22-007	23.34	Tucker Mountain Road	Town Forest
R22-013	31.04	Neddeau Road	Town Forest
R23-004	93.00	Off Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
R31-020	37.80	Carleton Road	Dockham Town Forest
R32-001	49.40	Hermit Woods Road	Town Forest
R32-011	63.00	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
S02-005	3.03	Beattie Road	Former Tree Nursery
S03-006	186.53	Quarry Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S04-001	188.34	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S04-003	20.66	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S04-006	170.00	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S22-020	13.01	Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Community Park
S22-022	178.10	75 Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Reservoir
U05-002	0.30	49 Waukegan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.90	12 Waukegan Avenue	Swasey Park
U06-060	0.32	65 Main Street	Community Park
U07-121	0.37	1 Pleasant Street	Scenic Park
U07-123	0.13	9 NH Route 25	Scenic Park, Indian Island
U07-126	0.83	309 Daniel Webster Hwy	Hesky Park
U07-127	0.92	Daniel Webster Hwy	Hesky Park
U10-031	12.87	367 Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park
U10-033	0.32	Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park
U10-035	1.16	Daniel Webster Hwy	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-047	.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.95	Greemore Road	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town-Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
U12-015	189.00	Jenness Hill Road	Community Forest
U14-001	21.74	363 Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park (New Fields)
U15-019A	0.12	1 Pleasant Street	Clough Park
U19-031A	0.12	Pinnacle Park Road	Pinnacle Park Beach
U39-058	28.01	50 Leavitt Park Road	Leavitt Park Beach, Bathhouse, Bartlett Brook

Summary of Town-Owned Property - Vacant/Undesignated

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
I07-006	0.43	Bear Island	
R08-033	1.90	Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.69	Chemung Road/Camp Waldron Road	
R35-003	13.00	Edgerly School Road	Landlocked
R37-012	1.70	NH Route 132	
S06-57	1.50	38 Stonedam Island	Tax Deed Property
S06-58	1.58	Stonedam Island	Tax Deed Property
S15-057	2.10	Off Boynton Road	
S18-055	0.27	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right-of-Way
S22-027	0.53	Tracy Way/Parade Road	Intersection Sight Distance
U01-001-096	.22	Westbury Road	Tax Deed Property
U01-01A	0.27	Daniel Webster Hwy/Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.08	Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right-of-Way
U04-025	0.92	Waukewan Street	Monkey Pond
U10-027A	0.28	Daniel Webster Hwy	Water Line Loop
U12-01	0.17	30 Philbrook Ave	Tax Deed Property
U16-005-018	.66	67 Barnard Ridge Road	

Town Warrant Information

2017 Town of Meredith Warrant and Budget

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF TOWN OF MEREDITH IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next; March 14, 2017, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Article 1 through Article 6; and 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 7 through 17:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring ballots for:

Board of Selectman	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Library Trustee	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Town Clerk	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Town Treasurer	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Trustee of Trust Funds	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Trustee of Trust Funds	One (1)	For Two	(2) Years

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE VIII- Definitions to revise the definitions of Designated Wetlands, Designated Prime Wetlands and Designated Brook or Streams to be consistent with the previous zoning amendment to the Water Resources Conservation Overlay District, aka the wetland ordinance

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE VIII- Definitions and ARTICLE XVI- Manufactured Housing Park to revise the definitions of Mobile Home, Modular Home and Manufactured Housing to be consistent with the state and industry definitions.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE V- Establishment of Districts and District Regulations to add a special provision allowing one story, unoccupied storage sheds having 120 square feet or less with a maximum of 10 feet in height to have half the side and rear setbacks permitted by the district on lots of 3 acres or less.

Town Warrant Information

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE V- Establishment of District and District Regulations to allow Building Trades, Cultural Uses and Recreation Facilities as of right in the Business and Industry District rather than requiring them to obtain a special exception, as they are now.

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE VII-Board of Adjustment to revise the special exception criteria to require all special exception requests for projects, which also require site plan approval to obtain a conditional approval from the planning board before the zoning board, will consider the special exception application. Currently, conditional approval from the planning board is required before the zoning board will consider special exceptions for a use. This amendment will also require conditional approval of the planning board before special exceptions for wetland buffer impacts and parking in the setback are considered by the Zoning Board.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,844,353 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund for the Fire Department per RSA 31:19-a, to raise and appropriate \$ 75,000.00 to be placed in the fund; further to name the Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the town will vote to establish a Library Feasibility Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of expanding and renovating the Benjamin Smith Building (the existing library) and to raise and appropriate \$ 50,000 to be placed in the fund, further to name the Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to approve the purchase of approximately 200 acres of land for conservation purposes, located off Barnard Ridge Road and Meredith Neck Road adjacent to the Town's Page Pond Community Forest, which land is owned by Winn Mountain Corporation (Tax Map S-12, Lots 4 and 5); and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,127,000 Million dollars for that purchase and associated costs, which appropriation shall be funded as follows:

- a. \$40,000 by transfer from the Open Space/Conservation Fund Expendable Trust established by the Town Meeting in 2001;
- b. \$119,000 by transfer from the Conservation Fund with the approval of the Conservation Commission;
- c. \$500,000 from grants; and
- d. The balance to come from private donations.

No new tax dollars will be utilized for this purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

Town Warrant Information

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 325,000 to be added to the DPW Equipment Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 200,000 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 105,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 75,000 to be added to the Fire Vehicle Replacement ETF. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50,000 to be added to the Recreation Facility Improvement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to completely discontinue Leavitt Mountain Road (a Class VI road) as a public roadway, from its start at Chemung Road to its termination within property owned by Linda R. Lee Revocable Trust 2003, identified in the Town's records as Tax Map R-24, Lot 12. If approved, this discontinuance will extinguish all public rights of access over that road. This action, however, shall be subject to the reservation of an easement to the Town to be used solely for access to the historic Leavitt cemetery, located on Tax Map R-24, Lot 12, for maintenance purposes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3 - 2).

Meredith Select Board

Nathan J. Torr, Chairperson

Ray A. Moritz, Vice Chair

Jonathan D. James

Beverley H. Lapham

Michael J. Pelczar

Budget Information

2017 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2016 Estimated	2016 Actual	2017 Recommended Estimated
<u>Taxes</u>			
Yield	\$ 14,500	\$ 16,248	\$ -
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Local	129,115	129,115	129,115
Village District	6,000	6,020	6,000
Boat	28,000	28,382	25,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	214,068	204,488	183,500
Total Taxes	\$ 391,683	\$ 384,253	\$ 343,615
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,400,000	1,495,393	1,450,000
Building Permits	33,500	38,549	35,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	67,550	63,979	62,850
Total Licenses and Permits	\$ 1,501,050	\$ 1,597,921	\$ 1,547,850
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Rooms & Meals Tax	325,304	325,304	325,304
Highway Block Grant	212,242	212,242	212,242
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	129		129
Other State/Federal Revenue	46,440	41,617	39,804
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 584,115	\$ 579,163	\$ 577,479
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	\$ 743,947	\$ 832,966	\$ 751,905
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Betterment Assessment	3,000	3,013	
Interest on Investments	30,000	31,274	30,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 33,000	\$ 34,287	\$ 30,000
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Other	8,500	8,500	8,500
Enterprise Fund	113,418	113,417	113,6335
Trust Funds			
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 121,918	\$ 121,917	\$ 122,135
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	3,375,713	3,550,505	3,372,984
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance	62,500	62,500	
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	750,000	750,000	750,000
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 4,188,213	\$ 4,363,008	\$ 4,122,984
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Sewer	926,162	926,162	1,005,619
Water	669,601	669,601	617,007
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 5,783,976	\$ 5,958,771	\$ 5,745,610

Budget Information

2017 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2016 Appropriations	2016 Expended	2017 Recommended
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office	\$ 203,341	\$ 200,124	\$ 203,506
Executive - Municipal Administration	1,210,104	1,191,188	1,212,353
Public Health - Ambulance	298,157	292,724	298,157
Public Health - Lakes Region Mutual Aid	82,664	82,620	82,664
Personnel Administration	2,147,442	2,144,706	2,327,932
Town Clerk	124,262	109,248	123,929
Administrative Services	325,219	323,781	332,820
General Assistance	115,000	98,894	100,000
Assessor's Office	185,961	176,152	192,355
Tax Collector's Office	51,039	44,372	54,577
Community Development Department	324,955	321,424	332,708
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds	460,000	460,000	880,000
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	62,500	62,500	
Regional Association	244,750	241,858	238,558
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police	1,287,553	1,286,146	1,366,664
Fire	287,429	279,346	305,621
<u>Public Works</u>			
Solid Waste Facility	927,598	918,177	711,177
Building & Grounds	233,150	231,464	289,857
Cemetery	62,919	62,702	62,193
Highway Department	2,140,888	2,010,570	2,130,150
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	598,703	597,806	701,142
Library	423,212	422,530	431,472
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	661,725	662,207	569,857
Interest - Long-Term Debt	152,009	148,705	129,035
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000		10,000
Total General Fund	\$ 12,620,580	\$ 12,369,243	\$ 13,086,726
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	15,000	15,000	15,000
<u>Water Fund</u>	669,601	679,408	617,007
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	926,162	957,417	1,005,619
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ 14,231,343	\$ 14,021,068	\$ 14,724,353
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>			
Cable Franchise Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	\$ 14,231,343	\$ 14,021,068	\$ 14,724,353

Budget Information

2017 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2017 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$ 14,724,353
Less: 2017 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(4,989,610)
Less: Use of Fund Balance	(750,000)
Add: Proposed Overlay	50,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	210,750
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 9,245,493

2017 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only) \$ 5.25

Compared to 2016 Tax Rate of \$ 5.06 (Municipal Portion Only)

Summary of Dollars to be Raised by Taxation:

2017 Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 9,245,493
Board of Selectmen - Amount to be Raised (2016)	(8,960,816)
Variance 2017 to 2016:	\$ 284,677



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